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Tories rally round after warning that UK cannot scowl in Europe's wings



All together now: the prime minister sits, the party salutes, in a demonstration of unity at the end of an unusually divided Tory conference. He faced his Euro-critics with a pledge to place Britain first

The party waving, not drowning

By MATTHEW PARRE IN BRIGHTON

The Tory party with its back to the wall is a formidable beast. In times of trouble, it is interesting to compare the instinct of panic, squabble, then save their own skins — with the instinct of party workers, which is to rally round.

Yesterday, representa-tives, gamely clutching the balloons and flags they'd bought to brighten Mr Major's day, treated them-selves to a burst of Purceil and a video of their man's election day triumph. In their hearts they knew he was in trouble (how else do you explain a standing ovation for an entrance by Norman Fowler?) and this conference was deter-mined to send him away in better heart. Frankly, he could have moved, grunted and misowed for 50 minutes and they would still have given him a six minute standing ovation. This was an audience de-

termined to ovate. The mood was on them long before the PM himself came in. Waiting for him - and almost doggedly - they roused themselves into Mexican Waves. By the time the Majors arrived, we were all feeling quite jolly. Then came the speech: How odd. It was where John Major was on his trickiest ground that his speech really took off.

The passage on Britain and Europe was brave, tide-turning stuff. The temptation to skate lightly over all of this must have been strong the decision Continued page 16, col 8

Major wins time with the patriotism card

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday played the patriotism card to win himself a breathing space in the Conservative party's internal feud over Europe.

Attempting to unite the party after a turbulent Conservative conference, the prime minister faced up to his European critics with a pledge that he would always place Britain's interests first and stand out against a federal Europe. Mr Major sought to reassert his authority as he prepares for next week's EC summit in Rimingham and a new battle over the Maastricht treaty when the Commons resumes later this month. He warned of the dangers for Britain and

sidelines of Europe. It would be an "historic mistake" that the government would not make, he said as he repeated that he would ratify the Maastricht treaty. Brit-ain's future influence would be broken forever if he abandoned it. Britain could not be "scowling in the wings."

In a speech that appeared to be aimed more at the party than the country, and had little economic content, he devoted only two sentences to the withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism. There was only an occasional note of protest during the long passage devoted to Europe,



which was punctuated with respectful rather than ecstatic applause. However, the over-all response was positive from an audience that clearly want-ed to be enthused after the woes of the sterling crisis and the most divided party confer-

ence of recent times. Mr Major attacked the "myths and distortions" of his opponents and, without naming Lady Thatcher or Lord Tebbit, branded them Don Quixotes tilting at windmills. In a speech that appeared last night to have rallied his party behind him, the prime minister appealed to his audience's

Main points of the Brighton speech

 Ratification of Maastricht treaty a patriotic duty for Parliament. British interests to be put first and federal

Europe will be resisted. Low inflation and tight control of public spending the route to long-term recovery.

Private sector boost for road and rail projects. ● Michael Heseltine to scrap red tape

strangling business. Row with educationists looms over hit squads for inner city schools.

Benefits and trespass clampdown on new

patriotic instincts and desire for unity. He peppered his

speech with statements suggesting that a Britain at the heart of Europe was the best guarantee of prosperity and security. In a 58-minute speech he used the words British and Britain 52 times. He said that at the heart of his European policy was "a cold, clear-eyed calculation of the British national interest". His speech ended with the declaration that Britain's interests would for him come

"first, last, and always". He

spoke of the need to get the

economy into strong and sus-

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Atrocity

confession

Two Bosnian Serb reserv-

ists held as prisoners of

war say they were forced

to shoot or cut the throats

of about 80 Muslim and

Croat civilians at a camp

in Breko in two incidents

KLM sentences

A robber who plotted to

steal millions of pounds in

Lloyd's cleared

The 14-month investiga-

tion into massive personal

losses suffered by mem-bers of the Gooda Walker

syndicates at Lloyd's has

cleared the market of

fraud or regulatory failure.

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tainable growth but, like Norman Lamont the day before. he was criticised for failing to set out any measures to

achieve it. John Smith, Labour leader, said Mr Major's speech was a desperate attempt to unite a "fractured" party. Arriving in Brussels for a summit of European socialist leaders of Friday's Birmingham summit, he said: "John Major said nothing about recession, nothing about the economy, nothing about unemployment." Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, said: "The prime

minister may have placated the Conservative conference but he has failed to speak for the interests of his country."

But in Brighton last night even the Tory Euro-sceptics had strengthened his position by so firmly outlining his stance. He was praised for recognising openly how the Europe issue tore at people's emotions because there were

gut issues at stake. He roused his audience by promising that he would never allow Britain's identity to be lost in a federal Europe. Britain would have broken faith if he broke his word over Maastricht. "We would be leaving European policy to the French and Germans."

The prime minister echoed Mr Lamont's declaration that the government would take no risks with inflation and his down on public spending He announced that Michael Heseltine would lead an offensive against Brussels and Whitehall regulations on business. He promised to restore Britain's reputation for good behaviour, tarnished by vandalism, and he attacked the "New Age" travellers.

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Gulf tension grows as **Iraqis seize American**

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MANAMA, BAHRAIN

THE United States and Iraq were last night heading towards a potential new confrontation after the seizure by the Iraqi security police on Thursday of an American contractor working on mineclearing operations close to the bitterly contested Kuwaiti-Iraqi border.

While the US used both Polish diplomatic and UN channels to try to negotiate the release of the abducted man, Chad Hall, large quantities of allied fire power were on hand in the region in the event of any call for military retaliation against Iraqi targets.

The abduction, apparently conducted at gunpoint, coincided with a four-power naval conference in Bahrain after the arrival here of the Russian anti-submarine ship Admiral Vinogradov, which will be joining British, American and French naval forces in enforcing UN sanctions against

iraq.
The US has a 23-strong

battle fleet based in the Gulf and around the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. British and French war planes including six Tornados are also in the area helping to implement the no-fly zone over southern Iraq imposed in August.

The seizure of Mr Hall comes after claims by UN and diplomatic sources that Iraqi intelligence has been offering cash rewards for the abduction cash and jewellery from a KLM vault at Heathrow of Westerners in the border area. Diplomatic sources have was jailed for 20 years. Another was sentenced to not ruled out that signposts may have been tampered with by the Iraqis to confuse Westerners in the demilitarised zone which runs either side of

British sources said that it had not been ruled out that Paul Ride, the British caterer sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for allegedly crossing the border illegally, had been lured into Iraq by misleading signposts.

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Rail and Tube fares set to increase by 8%

By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent

AVERAGE British Rail and London Transport fares are set to increase substantially more than inflation from January, with some increases likely to be in the 7 per cent to 8 per cent bracket, it was disclosed yesterday.

Most of the increases are needed to help offset the continuing decline in income from passenger fares and property sales, and to fend off further cuts in BR and London Underground's investment programmes. Other increases are, however, designed to reflect improvements in services due to recent investment schemes. Rail managers say that, while demand continues to decline, services may have to be cut further to reduce costs.

Network SouthEast planners fear that without an increase in government subsidy, due to be announced shortly in the Chancellor's autumn statement, rail managers could be forced to give

priority to core routes, leaving the more ma ginal routes to fall further behind the modernisation timetable. During 1991-92, BR received a £767 million operating subsidy from government.

John Nelson, Network

SouthEast's managing direc-tor, said that 2,500 miles of track will have to be relaid. In addition, during the next 15 years 60 per cent of the region's signalling will have to be renewed, while a quarter of all rolling stock will be 40 years old. "At that age rolling stock is facing not so much a midlife crisis but the last rites," he added.

Michael Patterson, secretary of the central transport consultative committee, the rail watchdog, said: "This is a policy of despair. The one thing you cannot do in a recession is price passengers off the railway. Real fare increases are acceptable only where there have been material improvements in services."

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Inflation

rate hits

target

Inflation figures for Septem

ber published yesterday provided Norman Lamont with instant confirmation that he

was able to hit the 1-4 per cent

The underlying rate, exclud-

target he set on Thursday.

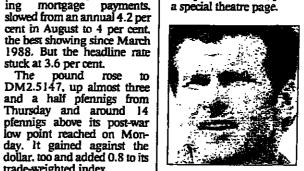
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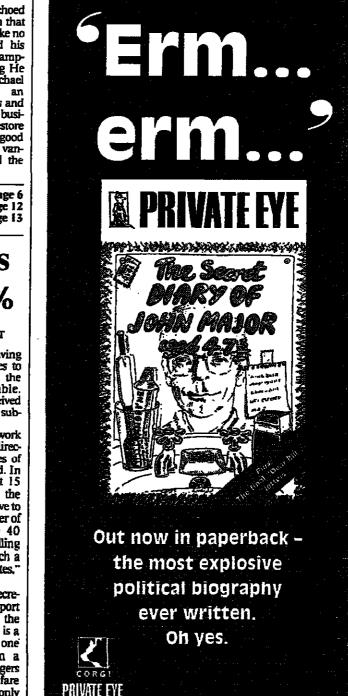
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Inflation figures and stronger pound raise hopes of rate cut

By A STAFF REPORTER

government with an opportu-

nity to cut interest rates from

the current level of 9 per cent,

economists said. The pound

has rallied more than 14

pfennigs since its slump on Monday, leading the City to

expect a half-point cut in

Inflation is expected to remain weak over the next few

months despite the sterling devaluation. Prices rose 0.4

per cent between August and September, due mainly to a

rise in clothing and footwear prices as the summer sales ended. Admission prices to football matches and higher

pub beer prices helped inflate

the retail price index over the

month but the increases are

enough to alarm

Robert Lind of UBS Phillips

& Drew said that the deflation-

ary momentum in the econo-

ENGLISH BREAKFAST RPI

PRICES OVER PAST 12 MONTHS

9.5

3.9 8.0 13.0 10.0 4.0 3.0 2.0

Vehicles tax and insurance

Leisure goods
Records and tapes
Toys/photo/sports goods
Books and newspepers
Gardening products

Leisure services Television licences/rent

PRICES DOWN

Gas Oil Men's overwear

Audiovisual equipment

SAME PRICE (no change)

Fish; furnishings; electrical appliances; women's overwear; children's overwear; petroi and oil.

Consumer durables Poultry

Sugar and preserves Unprocessed potator

Other travel costs

Fares and other travel costs Rail fares Bus and coach fares

interest rates.

ENCOURAGING inflation figures and a stronger pound rekindled hopes yesterday that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will soon order a further interest rate cut.

Mr Lamont's new inflation target of between 1 and 4 per cent was met last month. The underlying rate, which excludes mortgage interest payments, fell from 4.2 to 4 per cent. Headline inflation, the traditional measure of rising prices, remained at 3.6 per cent for the second month and is expected to drop to 3 per cent by the end of the year.

Mr Lamont welcomed the fall, saying that low inflation remained "the only lasting base for sustainable growth and secure employment". He added: "Today's figures show that underlying inflation has fallen to its lowest level since March 1988 and that the UK's headline rate has been below the EC average for over

Sterling climbed three plennigs to DM2.5185, although

Milik products Coffee/hot drinks Soft drinks Sweets/chocolate

Catering Restaurant meals Canteen meals Takeaway and snacks

Water etc Repairs etc DIY materials House insurance/grd rent

Fuel and light — Coal/solld fuels

Alcoholic drinks

Beer sales
— sales
— off-sales
Wines/spirits
— on sales
— off-sales

Tobacco

Other foods

the rise was linked to a weaker my was slowing. He expected the underlying rate of inflamark rather than inflation news. The new-found strength tion to remain in the target of the pound and weaker range for at least 18 months. inflation would provide the

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said that inflation remained higher than Japan's 2.2 per cent, France's 2.7 per cent and America's 3.2 per cent. The underlying rate was higher than Germany's 3.6 per cent. He added: "It is time the prime minister told us his policies for the real economy, for tackling job losses, low investment, company closures and the problems of the housing market."

House prices have now fallen an average 7.5 per cent over the past year, the Halifax price index, issued yesterday, shows (Rachel Kelly writes) House prices fell by 3.1 per cent in September, although the seasonally adjusted index figure showed a 2.7 per cent

The Halifax said that the fall, the worst since the index began in 1983, was distorted by a lack of sales after the rush to beat the August 19 deadline on stamp duty. The quarterly figures, which show that house prices fell by 1 per cent during the third quarter of this year. painted a more realistic pic-ture of the underlying state of the market, it said.

The worst falls were in the North West, where prices fell by 2.8 per cent over the last quarter. The East Midlands, however, escaped the falls. House prices there have risen for the second successive quarter and are 2.1 per cent higher than at the beginning of the

Prices have continued to fall throughout much of the rest of the South of England in the third quarter, although the change in the South West was extremely small, at minus 0.1

Prices in London fell by 1.7 per cent over the quarter.
"Recovery in the housing market is dependent on recovery in the economy as a whole and particularly on a moderation in the rate of increase of unemployment," the Halifax

"The recent fall in interest rates will help the market burfurther falls are necessary for confidence to be restored. Specific measures aimed at boostbe a welcome sign of the government's commitment to the owner-occupier and would further add to confidence."

John Wriglesworth, housing analyst from UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "The trend in house prices is nothing but downwards." Both the Nationwide and the Halifax price indices fell in July and August. "I do not expect any recov-

ery in the housing market for the next 18 months unless something is done to increase confidence," Dr Wriglesworth said. "I predict a 5 per cent fall next year in house prices, and that is assuming that base

rates fall to 7 per cent."

The underlying market remained weak because of fear of unemployment and further house price falls, the problem of more than a million people with negative equity and the oversupply of unsold houses, Dr Wriglesworth said.

Publishers play coy over book's contents



Material girl: Madonna arriving at a party in Hamburg to promote her video

Madonna hype stripped bare

the publishing industry is paign, the whole world, or at Madonna is to appear at a employing the art of the least that half of it which is publication party in the Unistripper to sell a book. Keep them drooling with a hint of nipple, a flash of thigh, but don't show them everything at once. Expectation is usually officers seized 25,000 copies, more erotic than achievement.

Andrew Morton achieved huge sales of his thin discourse on the private life of the Princess of Wales by hinting at truly orgasmic disclosure and by not letting a living soul see the text in advance. Now the same technique is being employed by Madonna, an actress and singer who is allowing the world to see photographs of her bare

bottom. Copies of Sex, a book of photographs of Madonna, said to show her in a kaleidoscopic variety of poses illustrating the entire sexual canon from lesbianism to bondage, go on sale throughout the world on October 21. Thanks to a magnificently orchestrat-

TEACHERS should lose their

right to automatic pay rises and have their salaries related

entirely to performance, John

Patten, the education secre-

Mr Patten told the School Teachers' Review Body that

the government was forecast-

ing a continuing fall in inflation and it was realistic to work

towards arrangements where any increase was triggered

solely by performance.

The existing system, which takes classroom teachers from

£11.000 to £18,000 via ten

annual increments, will alter

from April if Mr Patten's

proposals are carried through. Pilot studies may be conduct-

ed in grant-maintained

CORRECTION

tary, said yesterday.

FOR the second time this year, ed advance publicity cam- able before publication day. either deficiently male, militantly feminist, or stands to make money, is on heat. This week, French customs

> but were obliged to release them. Stories appeared in some British newspapers claiming - wrongly - that Customs and Excise and Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad were bringing a test case to show the book's pornographic content.

Secker and Warburg paid nearly £1 million for British rights to the book, which will sell at £25 a copy. Madonna is said to disclose her ultimate female intimacies in 128 pages of photographs, but in the marketing of the product, coyness is all. No review copies are available, and only a handful of booksellers and reviewers have been allowed a glimpse of the book.

No copies would be avail-

Patten wants teaching

pay tied to results

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

ted States on October 15, at which the only thing missing will be the book. The singer is unlikely to be present at the British launch.

The novelist Martin Amis was dispatched to New York to interview Madonna, but she declined to see him on the grounds that he was too famous. Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, flew out on a similar mission.

Mr Neil will be scooped by the rival Observer, which has bought nine photographs from the book and plans to publish them in its recently revamped colour magazine tomorrow.

For their £1 million Secker and Warburg also bought the rights to a sequel to be published next year, titled The Wit and Wisdom of

Madonna. It sounds, if anything, even more distasteful than Sec. Stiff upper lips defy

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

IRA bomb

NOT even the IRA can sepa-rate an English gentleman from his chocolate pudding. Lord Sudeley, president of the Monday Club, yesterday described how he and seven guests refused to allow an IRA bomb in the street below his London flat to stop them from finishing their dessert.

The bomb went off on Thursday night by a Volvo car close to Marylebone station. Nobody was injured in the blast, which followed another earlier explosion in Tooley Street, south London, Police believe both were random attacks by the IRA and are appealing for two cyclists seen near the first blast to come

Lord Sudeley, 53, said he and his dinner companions remained composed as the bomb exploded below his third-floor flat, blowing out four windows, including ones in the dining room. "Everyone retained their sang-froid. Some of the guests looked out of the window but it didn't interrupt the party. We went back to our conversation and our pudding. It was a nice

chocolate pudding."

Police combine to

smash porn ring

Police have smashed a hard-core pornography network after a five-month investigation across five counties in England (Richard Ford writes). Eleven men and one woman face prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act after officers raided adult shops and private addresses, seizing videos and books depicting bondage, sado-masochism and self-mutilation, police said yesterday.

A spokesman for West Midlands police, which co-

ordinated Operation Rouge, said that the material seized was a mixture of soft and hard-core pornography. About 150 officers from the West Midlands, Leicestershire, Derbyshire. Hampshire and Dorset were involved in the raids in Wolverhampton, Coventry, Derby, Leicester, Poole, Bourne-mouth and Southampton.

Inspector Tim Russell, of West Midlands police, who led the operation, said: "The operation has dealt a major blow to the criminal organisation of hard-core pornography." The largest find was in Leicester, where sado-masochistic videos valued at more than £100,000 were discovered in several

Dutch release killer

A triple killer has been freed by a Dutch court, in spite of British efforts to have him returned to Broadmoor to serve the rest of a life sentence for murder. Alan Reeve, who escaped in 1981, has now disappeared after the court in Zwolle refused to allow him to be detained in jail pending deportation. The Dutch government has appealed against the decision. Britain sought his extradition earlier this year when it heard that he was to be given parole after serving ten years of a 15-year sentence for the attempted naurder of a Dutch police officer. He had been sent to Broadmoor in 1964 after stabbing a boy aged 15 to death. While in the hospital, he strangled another patient. Before his parole in Holland, a doctor was sent from Britain to examine him and decide if he remained a danger. The doctor reported that Reeve was psychopathic.

Loyalists admit killing

Loyalist gunmen yesterday shot dead a conservation worker whom they alleged was a police informer (Edward Gorman writes). The victim, 37, a Protestant from Holywood, co. Down, was killed at about 11.15am when a lone, masked gumman approached him at a conservation site in east Belfast and fired twice at close range with a shotgun. The assailant then made off in a stolen car driven by an accomplice. The Loyalist splinter group the Red Hand Commando admitted the killing. The group, which is associated with the Ulster Volunteer Force, named its victim as Michael Anderson and alleged that he had helped to "set up" a number of Loyalists.

Appeal against cuts

Leading charities, including Help the Aged, Save the Children and Shelter, appealed to the government yesterday to resist cuts in public expenditure. In a joint statement, described by Oxfam as the first of its kind, the charities said that public generosity should be matched by government spending. Spending cuts would shift the costs of recession on to those least able to pay, such as millions of pensioners, income support claimants, children, people with disabilities, and overseas aid recipients. "The charities ask what kind of society we are becoming to contemplate cutting assistance to people who are already bearing the brunt of economic recession," the statement said.

Ewart-Biggs service

A public memorial service is to be held for Baroness Ewart-Kevin O'Sullivan, said yesterday. Her funeral will be private. Lady Ewart-Biggs, 63, and Mr O'Sullivan married last month, "In the end, Jane clearly wanted to do something positive and good because, as she saw doctor after doctor, as she put it herself: The news is always so bad, so let's do something good," " he told the Evening Standard in London. We had a marriage in all but the legal thing, and it was something we both wanted very much to do. And I must say we were quite right.".

Prisoner sends news

Michael Wainwright, right, the British cyclist jailed for ten years in Iraq, has con-tacted his family for the first time since his arrest in May. A three-line note arrived through Russian diplomats and a letter via the Red Cross. His sister Heather Horne, of Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, said: "He says he is in the open prison near Baghdad. He feels well and hopes the family is the



'Mad cow' cases peak

New cases of "mad cow" disease, the brain condition that has led to the death of more than 70,000 cattle since 1986, should be down to no more than 2,000 a year by 1996, a government scientist said yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes). That would not be many more than the number of new cases of the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), now being reported every fortnight. John Wilesmith, head of epidemiology at the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Weybridge, Surrey, said he expected mumbers to peak this year at about 44,000.



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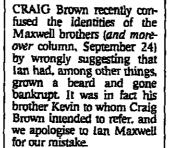
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does not envisage an immedi-ate switch to payment entirely according to performance, he has told the review body that changes should "concentrate the minds" of governing bod-ies on the need to assess staff and reward them accordingly. The teaching unions were fiercely critical of the propos-

schools. Although Mr Patten

als. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said 423,000 teachers had been conned by the government.
"It is impossible to devise a scheme which would work fairly in 25,000 schools," he ☐ David Summerscale, head-

master of Westminster School, yesterday warned colleagues against entering a "dangerous race" to improve facilities for pupils. At the opening of the Independent 92 exhibition in Islington, north London, he said that schools faced new

pressures and challenges. The exhibition, organised by The Times and The Sunday Times with the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), runs until tomorrow evening. More than 250 schools will be represented.

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Undercover police foiled raid on vault

Judge jails gangsters in KLM kidnap plot

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A ROBBER who plotted to the day they planned to strike steal millions of pounds in last December. The vault alcash and jewellery from an airline security vault at Heathrow was sentenced to 20 years in prison by the Old Bailey yesterday after being trapped by an undercover detective posing as a criminal "heavy". Peter White, 35, from Hes-

Baier

ton, west London, planned the robbery after getting a job as a warehouseman with KLM, the Dutch airline, despite a list of criminal convictions. His accomplice, Carl Harrison, 30, from Hounslow, west London, was given 16 years for his part in the plan, which involved kidnapping a ware-house supervisor and forcing him to open the vault by

If the plan had succeeded. the gang would have netted £6.5 million in gold, cash and valuables held in the vault on them an element of deterrence in order that others in this modern age, where sophisti-

ways held a minimum of £5 million but on some days held as much as £40 million. Police will not comment on the level of security at the warehouse or whether guards were em-ployed, but they say that a lot

of time has been spent reviewing procedures. White and Harrison had admitted conspiracy to rob and to kidnap. Sentencing

them yesterday, Judge Laughland said that their actions fell into the rare category of "abnormal crime". They were after an "enormous prize" and, where exceptional rewards were sought, exceptional punishment was re-quired. He said: "The sentences have to have about

Unknown officers dress for success

OPERATION Daedalus is the latest success for the growing police use of undercover officers to infiltrate criminal activities. Often used to trap drug traffickers, the "UCs" in London are drawn from a specially trained pool of police officers who attend a Scotland Yard course (Stewart Tendler

under false identities, which can include false criminal records, the officers may pose as rough and ready robbers like "Frank" in the KLM case or top-level drug dealers, art thieves and receivers. Last month, another undercover operation disclosed a loose network dealing in guns. forged notes and explosives.

Unarmed, the officers are watched over when possible by hidden teams of surveillance men to protect them. They are often not even equipped with hidden microphones. No undercover officer has been killed but a number have been injured in attacks.

Undercover officers are trained in how to carry themselves off as criminals and are also schooled in the law. They must never be seen to encourage or take part in crime. Some defence lawyers have doubts about the use of the officers and a number of cases have collapsed, including London investigations several years ago into football hooligans. Many others have

In court, judges and lawyers are asked to conceal the undercover officers' identities to protect them from revenge and to enable them to infiltrate the underworld again.

The two undercover officers involved in Daedahus may receive commendations from the Yard for their work. The awards will never be officially published and the presentations will go unreported even within police publications. cated crime can be so profitable, are discouraged from doing what you did."

The plot was hatched after White studied the vault and its sophisticated defences while working in the warehouse. Realising that there was no hope of a frontal assault, he studied the personnel records of staff who had keys. He chose Ian Blake, 50, a supervisor, as his target.

The plan was to kidnap Mr Blake and his wife, Ann, just before Mr Blake was to begin a Sunday shift. Mrs Blake would be tortured with cigarette burns until her husband agreed to go to the warehouse with Harrison and open the vault. The contents would be loaded on to a waiting van. White had arranged to work

overtime that day and would be keeping watch on Mr Blake If he did not carry out his role, White would contact his accomplices at Mr Blake's home on a mobile telephone.

After the robbery, the valu-

ables were to have been flown out of Britain from an airfield at Elstree, Hertfordshire, by a man, identified only as Derek, whom White had met in prison. Unknown to White, Derek was a police informant and contacted a regional crime squad. Police watched the gang

and, through Derek, introduced an undercover detective, known as Frank. He met the gang several times and the meetings were recorded. As the day of the robbery approached, a second undercov er officer, called Jimmy, joined the gang posing as a getaway driver Frank was to help kidnap the Blakes and take Mr Blake to the warehouse.

At dawn on the day of the planned robbery, Harrison crept towards the Blakes home in Staines, Surrey, armed with a revolver and wearing a balaclava. Lying in wait was a police team.

Mr Blake had been taken to safety the night before. The gang had miscalculated about Mrs Blake: she was away for

Designers withdraw from race for award

By JOHN YOUNG

THE policemen and the security guards looked distinctly edgy, considering that they were guarding a fashion show on a Friday afternoon in the Kings Road, Chelsea But the venue was after all an army barracks, and in these unhappy days there is no enessing the next target. In a burst of unexpecte

nshine and a fusillade of fashion world launched its annual London Designer Show, aiming to do for the British rag trade what Paris and Milan do to boost the franc and the lira. Women in bathing costumes bounced up and down the floodlit catwalk, accompanied by chatter and excitement.

But much of the buzz was

over news that two of the nominated designers had withdrawn their names from the British Designer of the Year Awards, to be presented on Monday evening. The gesture by Paul Smith, the menswear star, seemed to be saying self-congratulation was inappropriate when many parts of the industry were suffering while Jasper Conran claimed the judging criteria were not well enough defined. Some interpreted this as a criticism of Rifat Ozbek, another nominee, who manufactures his collec-

tion in Milan. Coincidentally, the show's opening came only a day after the revelation that the prime minister's wife would be appearing at the Conservative party conference in Brighton wearing a £550 suit made in Germany. Shops in was said, were full of conti-





nental designs because the shoddy old Brits were not up

Alison Lloyd and Caroline Charles were there, or at least their products were, with Arabella Pollen and a lot of other distinguished designers whom ignorant male journalists in shabby suits or worse had to confess to never having heard of.

But why an army barracks?

John Wilson, chief executive of the British Fashion Council, said: "In the past they have been very unhappy with the big exhibition halls, and hotels don't seem to be able to lay on the facilities we have

Defending the industry's record, he pointed out that annual sales were worth some £6.5 billion and that it employed nearly 250,000

people. Exports were worth £2 billion a year and rose by 13 per cent in 1991 and a further 10 percent in the first six months of this year. The main growth areas were in Europe, notably Germany and the increase in imports was slowing down.

"We know we have got a very difficult recessionary climate in Britain and that is the main reason why we are

anxious to improve our per formance overseas," he said. Annette Worsley-Taylor. director of the London Designer collections, pointed cent of sales. But they were important in promoting the idea of good design. "I think there has been an acceptance of mediocrity in this country for too long," she said.

Oscar winner leapt to death

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

AN OSCAR-WINNING Britartistic talent was being stifled by Hollywood bureaucrats killed himself by jumping off the top of a Los Angeles hospital car park, an inquest was told yesterday.
Anton Furst, 47, an art

director, won an Oscar for his design work on Batman. After the break-up of his second marriage, he began suffering from depression and felt that he had lost his independence to the Hollywood film companies.

Mr Furst, who lived in Beverly Hills and had two children, was estimated to be earning about £500,000 a year when he died. He had just been appointed director of Midknight, a film biography of the singer Michael Jackson. Mr Furst was born in Essex and brought up in Uckfield,



Furst: felt stifled by Hollywood bureaucracy

East Sussex. He studied at the Royal College of Art under Sir Hugh Casson and, after leaving in 1969, he created a touring light show for the rock group The Who. He went on to design special effects for the films Superman, Star Wars,

Alien and Moonraker. In the 1980s, he created the

sets for The Company of Wolves and Full Metal Jacket. Mr Furst moved to Hollywood after his Oscar and set up a company, developing film projects that he would design and direct. Friends said that Columbia Pictures, which was underwriting his company, prevented him from working on the Warner Brothers film Batman Returns.

After breaking up with his second wife, Penny Fielding, he became depressed and dependent on tranquillisers.

Yesterday's hearing in Eastbourne, East Sussex, was told that last November his friend Nigel Phelps drove him to the Midway Hospital, Los Angeles, where he was to receive help with his attempts at drug withdrawal. While Mr Phelps was parking, Mr Furst leapt 80ft to his death.

Dr David Wadman, the coroner, recorded a verdict of

Pupils weep for their

By Paul WILKINSON

SCHOOLFRIENDS of Nikki she would not have wanted Allen, the Sunderland sevenyear-old found battered to death on Thursday, broke down and wept at school assembly yesterday as they were

asked to say a prayer for her.

It was a sign of the anger
and emotion filling this tough
corner of northeast England over her murder. Nikki's home was a flat in Wear Garth, a sprawling block in the city's rundown East End. People there are used to the rough side of life, many have no work, petty crime is high and drug-users and glue-sniffers are often seen. The savage and seemingly motiveless kalling has, however, got through to even the most mured local.

Reporters are as likely to be spat on as given a quote on how feelings are running, but that is just as telling. Bill Cairns, head of St John

and St Patrick's primary school, which Nikki attended, said: "Everyone in the school has been emotional and will be until this sickening affair is sorted out. The memory of Nikki will live on, but we hope the community will go back to

normal as soon as possible." At assembly, Mr Cairns told children that Nikki had been a sweet pupil. He asked them not to mope over her because

that, but said they should not to be ashamed to cry for her. It is the nature of Nikki's death that has stunned so many. Crossing the 100-yard wide courtyard of the flats. from her grandmother's home to her own late on Wednesday. she was out of sight of her mother, Sharon, for less than a minute. That was, however, enough time for her killer to snatch her away. "No parent can keep a child of that age so close every minute of the day." said one parent on the estate. Searchers found Nikki's body in a derelict warehouse, less

covered man. Det Supt George Sinclair appealed for

well to be able to find his way



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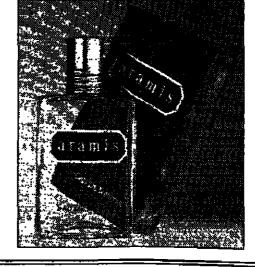
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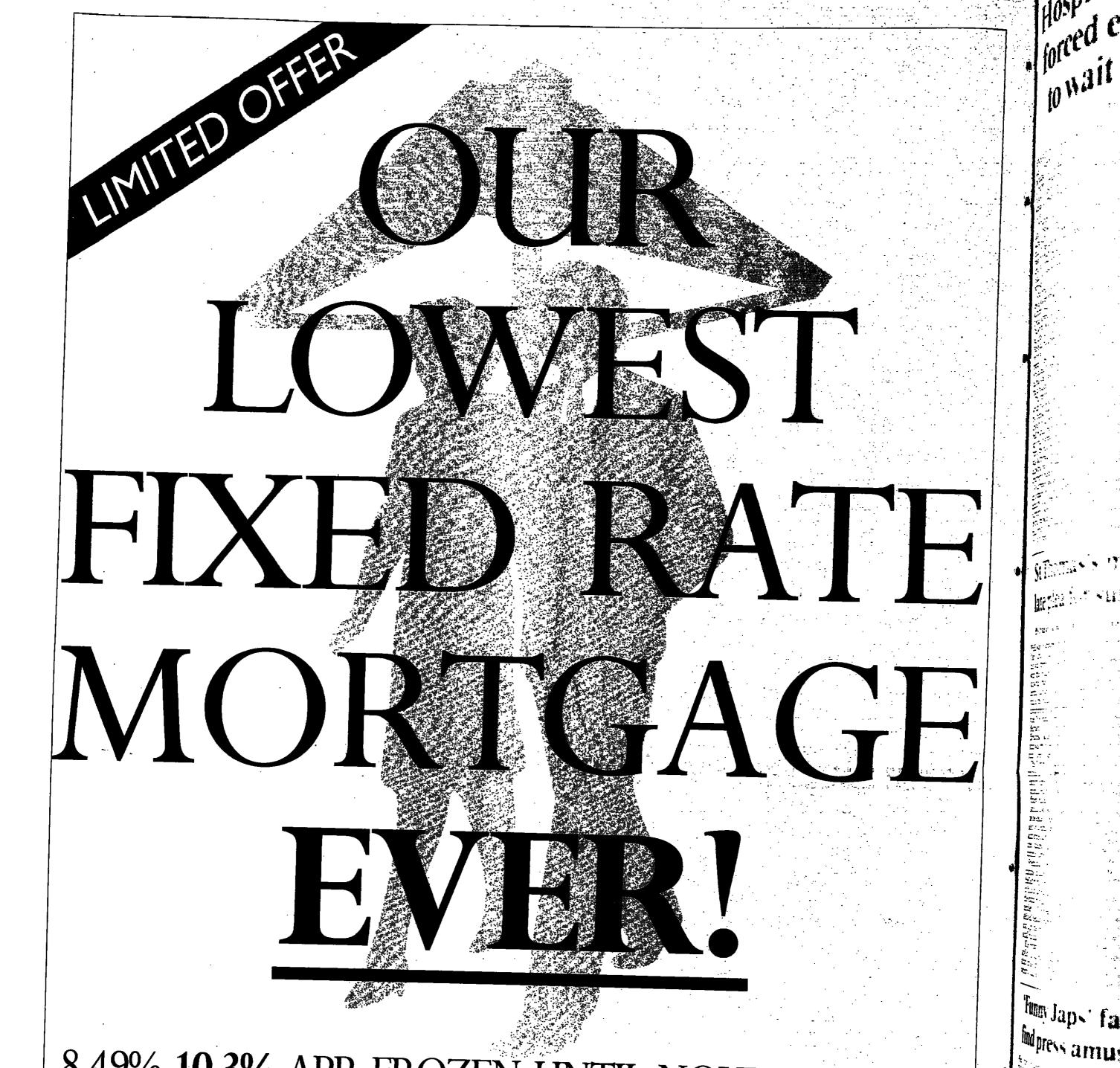


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murdered classmate

than 400 yards away, on Thursday. Yesterday, police confirmed that the girl had not been sexually assaulted and said that an anonymous caller had told them that he had spoken on Wednesday to a teenager who said that she had seen a blood-

the caller to come forward. Witnesses have said that they saw Nikki, after her mother lost sight of her, asking for money outside the Boar's Head public house. Mr Sinclair said that he thought that the killer knew the area



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Hospital consultants forced emergencies to wait on trolleys

By ALISON ROBERTS

EMERGENCY patients were kept waiting on trolleys because consultants at a teaching hospital blocked their admission to wards, a newly released report

In-patients at King's College Hospital, south London, were kept in hospital longer than necessary to guaranteee beds for particular consultants and to prevent them being used for emergencies, the re-

The practice, which experts say is widespread among consultants, was condemned by Tessa Jowell, Labour MP for Dulwich, who said that consultants at King's College Hospital regarded the deployment of beds as "the management of their own fieldom".

She added: "This was a hospi-She added: "This was a hospital that was held in the thrall of the consultants."

The report on the hospital which followed the deaths of two pensioners left for hours unseen by doctors, condemns bed management policies. It says that patients were kept in "until the next elective patient was admitted, so as not to allow the bed to be used for an emergency patient".

Recommendations made by an enquiry into the hospital's accident and emergency department were announced several months ago, but the main body of the report has only just come to light after

pressure from London MPs. They have criticised the apparent secrety surrounding the report and accused Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, of withholding it for two

The enquiry was chaired by Peter Higgins, vice-chairman of South-East Thames Regional Health Authority. Its report heavily criticises the organisation of King's emergency department.

The permanent staff there are praised, but worked in conditions described to enquiry team members as "crazy" and "like the Third World". There was a "gulf between corporate decisions and individual willingness to implement them" and some consultants are singled out as

standing in the way of changes to improve efficiency. "The failure to deal with conditions in the accident and emergency department is an habitual one and must arise from a refusal by the consultant staff as a body to accord them the attention and priority they require," the report

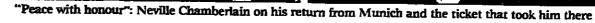
John Yates, of the Health Services Management Centre, said that consultants in other hospitals were known to carry out similar policies to safeguard beds and that this could contribute to the lack of emergency beds. "This sort of thing does happen, but it would be

holds admissions up," he said. The hospital said that "bed blocking" had been a problem but no longer occurred. None of the consultants had been disciplined, but they had been told to stop protecting beds for their own patients. "We have been reviewing the accident and emergency admissions for some time. These practices were a problem, but we have now tackled them through

normal managerial procedures," a spokesman said.

The division between specialist medicine and general services is seen as creating difficulties at all London teaching hospitals and is part-ly a cause of the Tomlinson enquiry, which is expected to recommend the closure of ar least one London hospital in a report later this month. The condemnation of concentration on specialist facilities was criticised by the King's Fund, an independent think-tank, earlier this year.







SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

THE ticket that enabled the former prime minister Neville Chamberlain to fly to Munich for his historic prewar meeting with Adolf Hit-ler in September 1938 is to be sold on October 30.

After the meeting, Mr Chamberlain said the agreement signed between France, Italy, Britain and Germany was "symbolic of the desire of our two peoples never to go to war again". Vast crowds greeted his return. In Downing Street later, he said he had secured "peace with honour, peace for our time.

In his pocket was the British Airways Ltd return ticket from Heston airfield to Munich, which Christie's is now offering for between £3,000 and £5,000. The airline was a forerunner of BA. The auction at South Kensington of autographed let-ters and ephemera will also include a complete deck of mid-nineteenth century pornographic playing cards, estimate £300 and £500.

St Thomas's makes late plea for survival

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

THE war of attrition between Guy's and St Thomas's hospitals was stepped up yesterday with the release of research showing that St Thomas's central London location is vital if the capital is to have a comprehensive casualty service. The findings come as Sir Bernard Tomlinson puts the finishing touches to a report that will recommend the clo-sure of one of them.

The Tomlinson enquiry has concluded that both idespitals cannot survive in the NHS market, but the argument is finely balanced over which should close. Both are judged to be equally vulnerable to the loss of contracts from health

authorities, although latest fig-ures suggest that Guy's is currently suffering more. Speculation over Guy's fi-nancial difficulties has been fuelled by the hospital's failure to hold its annual meeting by the statutory deadline of September 30. The meeting was delayed because auditors did not sign the trust's accounts

The condition of buildings at Guy's is judged to be worse than those at St Thomas's, which would be easier to adapt

for a different use, such as an undergraduate medical school. The Tomlinson committee has accepted that Guy's main advantage is the political backing it enjoys. As the flagship hospital for the government's health reforms. ministers would find it difficult to contemplate closure.

In a late submission to the enquiry, St Thomas's accepts the need to close 850 beds in south London but says that this can be achieved by the closure of three smaller hospitals - Brook, Dulwich and Hither Green - leaving St Thomas's and Guy's intact.

Research commissioned by St Thomas's from Imperial port shows that the hospital has almost a third more people living or working within ten minutes' travelling time than Guy's. It says that Guy's accident and emergency de-partment should be closed and transferred to St Thomas's. Guy's could then be developed

The plan would cost £52 million to implement, but save £37 million a year. St Thomas's has invested £70 million over the past five years.

as a specialist hospital.



'Funny Japs' fail to find press amusing

ARE the Japanese really painted as blackly by Britain's press as they suspect they are? Apparently, according to a new study, which detects a negative bias in all papers except the Financial Times.

Even more damned than their big cousins are the British tabloids, which are accused of using "viciousness, vacuity and sheer negative spitefulness in their treatment of items on Japan".

But while the survey's findings carry the ring of recogni-tion, some may be as selective, in their own way, as the newspapers they appear to

The results of the six-month study. Japanese-funded and carried out by Professor Douglas Anthony, director of Cardiff University's Centre for Japanese Studies, will be presented to a conference in Cardiff today on how Britain's press angles reports of events

Professor Anthony found that in tabloids, "negative stories predominate. Many items were of the 'funny Japs' variety. The other three main areas of concentration were the hunting and eating of whales and dolphins. Japanese wartime atrocities stories and the Japanese contribution to the Gulf war."

Serious dailies have their knuckles rapped for failing to give Japan the space it merits. Joining them in the dock are Sunday broadsheets where, apart from reports on their financial pages. "long. illustrated articles ... all nega-

Clive James is the star turn at a conference on anti-Japanese bias, Joe Joseph reports

tive in choice of subject and manner of writing, predom-

Japan is not alone in being flailed by British tabloids. Ask the royals or David Mellor.

The difficulty of analysing the subject is compounded by other factors, too. One is that Japan is so quick to accuse its critics of indulging in "Japanbashing", that any criticism of Japanese policies, however intellectually argued, can swiftly become mired in a debate not about the issues but about whether the critic — of, say, whaling, aid policy, or Japan's actions in the Gulf war — is merely Japan-bashing in dis-guise. Sometimes he is. Often he isn't. But this tactic has the effect of making all criticism of

Japan a form of racism. Another is that Japaness sources can be so sparing with information, partly because of Tokyo's closed reporting system that denies much news to foreign journalists, that Japan contributes to many of the myths propagated about it.

Tonight's entertainment in Cardiff will be provided by Clive James, an odd choice for a conference designed to wash away some of the funny little

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Cabinet heavyweights step forward to direct fire away from the prime minister

A t one of the late-night parties where the great ones unburden themselves during Conservative party

Heseltine: swinging

THE prime minister yester-day sought to offer some

succour to Britain's recession-

hit industries by appointing

Michael Heseltine to lead a

new crusade against red tape

and by hinting at a relaxation

of Treasury rules stopping

private investment in big pub-

lic sector projects such as road and rail links.

only 24 hours after Norman

Lamont was savaged by the party faithful for failing to get

the economy moving. It was a recognition that, with the gov-

ernment committed to a tough

anti-inflationary stance, pal-

liarives are needed to help

small firms burdened with

John Major's move came

conferences, a cabinet minister said: "John and Norman are lucky. They are not being left to face the fire alone. Douglas [Hurd], Ken [Clarke] and Michael [Heseltine] have gone up front to back them and have taken some of the

The public efforts of this trio have helped to ensure that the Major government has survived the conference with its post-exchange rate mechanism strategy intact. Tornato ketchup rather than blood on the floor," was how one very senior minister dismissed the veek's events.

After the earlier counterattacks by the trio on the Euro-sceptics, John Major

RIDDELLIN BRIGHTON

was yesterday skilfully able to take a lead on the Maastricht treaty, with only minimal dissent. The government has regained the initiative on the issue this week.

By contrast, Mr Major was unconvincing on the economy. He showed some concern for the victims of the recession but he offered little hope of early improvement, and virtually ignored the ERM. The reception was cool, underlining the gap between the rank-and-file and the leadership over economic policy.
The government is still

regrouping, but at least it is

I'm old-fashioned, so be it," he said. "So are the vast majority

of Britain's parents. And I

have this message for the progressives who are trying to change the exams. English

examinations should be about

The prime minister said he

would not abandon the child-

ren in unruly and sub-stan-

Mr Major also struck a

populist note by condemning

the behaviour of so-called New

Age travellers and by herald-

ing a crackdown on their

rights to collect social security

benefits. He said ministers

were considering tightening

laws against trespass. "New

Age travellers? Not in this age.

Not in any age. They say that

we don't understand them.

Well, I'm sorry, but if rejecting

materialism means destroying

the property of others then I

Mr Major's central purpose

was to defend his European

policy. He insisted that he was

the true patriot, defending a

vital national interest by

putting Britain at the heart of

Europe, unlike critics such as

Baroness Thatcher and Lord

Tebbit. In the modern world,

literature, not soap opera."

regrouping together. The activities of Messrs Hurd, Clarke and Heseltine have highlighted a change in the balance of cabinet power. Mr Major has involved the whole of his cabinet in lengthy discussions on Maastricht and the economy, ensuring their loyalty.

Even before the ERM débade, Mr Lamont had already shared some of the Treasury's powers when he proposed the formation of a new cabinet committee. known as EDX, to decide on the allocation of public

What he describes as "allowing a little democracy" means that several senior ministers, and not just the Treasury, now have a say in

Traditionally, key decisions on Ernest Bevin, Stafford on sterling and interest rates Cripps and Herbert Morrihave been taken just by the prime minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This position still remains true in detail, but during the traumas of September 16, Mr Major and Mr Lamont involved Messrs Hurd. Clarke, and Heseltine. This has

The trio have been prominent in defending the new policy and have led the pro-European Community majority in the cabinet in sticking to Maastricht and in ensuring that the new economic policy takes no risks with inflation and does not preclude re-entry to the ERM.

The emergence of a de facto inner cabinet of political heavyweights has precedents. Clement Attlee relied heavily son, while, in his 1974-6 administration, Harold Wilson developed a team approach involving James Callaghan, Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins.

Collective leadership, however, was never, ever, Baroness Thatcher's style.

the new inner cabinet is I not to the taste of the Euro-sceptics, but there is little they can do. The four sceptics in the cabinet are going along with Maastricht. Their acquiescence has ensured that Euro-sceptic junior ministers are not going to risk their careers when their seniors are

The cabinet faces three ossible challenges. First, if the economy gets much worse tions and threaten the Maastricht bill.

Second, the cabinet sceptics would strongly oppose any reentry into the BRM.

Third, Mr Lamont remains vulnerable. After a wobbly few days following September 16, he has shown resilience and determination, but he has failed to convince the markets, the media or many of the Conservative party's rankand-file

Mr Major will be wary of moving his Chancellor if it exposes his own position, and with no agreement about an alternative. The Euro-sceptics are suspicious of Mr Clarke, whose recent prominence has made him enemies. -

The latest fashion is to promote John MacGregor,

during the winter. Conserva- the transport secretary, as a tive MPs could become frac- compromise successor to Mr the transport secretary, as a Lamont after Christmas. He is a reassuring figure comparable to Dernek Heathcoar Amory, who became Chancel lor in 1958 after Peter Thorneycroft resigned.

M r Major yestenday used his personal popularity to win time for his government to recover. But his party remains uneasy, panicularly

about the economy.

The prime minister will need to retain the full support of the cabinet heavyweights to overcome a very difficult 18

PETER RIDDELL

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MacGregor

tipped to

succeed

Lamont

CRUEF POLITICAL

JOHN MacGregor, the trans-

port secretary, is emerging as a

strong contender to take over as Chancellor of the Exche-

quer from Norman Lamont.

Senior ministers see Mr

Magregor as the frontrutining

compromise candidate if John

Major decides to shift the

embattled Mr Lamont With

divisions in the cabinet over

whether Britain should ever

return to the European ex-

change rate mechanism, Mr

Major may plump for a minis-

ter who is not identified closely

with either the pro- or anti-

There is a growing expecta-

tion among MPs that Mr

Lamont will be moved around

the new year after Britain's

presidency of the European

Community ends and he has

completed the tough public

spending round. He would be expected to go to another

Mr MacGregor is being

mentioned as a candidate

whom Mr Major could choose

without upsetting either wing either berty.
The other leading contend-

ers are Kenneth Clarke, the

home secretary, Michael

Heseltine, the Board of Trade

ard, the environment secre-

tary. Mr Clarke, who would

clearly be acceptable to the

Treasury because of his tough

reputation on public spend-ing and Mr Heseltine, are

among the cabinet's most enthusiastic pro-Europeans.

Their appointment might be

interpreted as a signal that Mr Major intends to go back into

Mr Howard is known to have expressed strong opposi-

tion in the cabinet to going back into the ERM and his

appointment would not be

welcomed by the cabinet's

overwhelming pro-European majority. Mr Howard, Peter

Lilley, the social security secre-

tary, Michael Portillo, the

Treasury chief secretary, and

Gillian Shephard, the employ-

ment secretary, are sceptical

Pledge to

end debt

SIR Norman Fowler prom-

as he reported on the progress

of the structural overhaul

The party chairman said his teview of internal organis-ation would be the most

radical since the second world

war. Similar exercises in the

past had been a substitute for

Some key proposals were already on the table for the central council meeting next spring that will be asked to

action

launched after the election.

about re-entry.

senior cabinet post.

ERM camps.

'Tarzan' called in to hack away the red-tape jungle

By Nicholas Wood, Ray Clancy and Robert Morgan

ZHAJOHS SPEEKE

But it isn't just Brussels that relies on red tape. It's White-hall. And town hall."

separate pieces of paper to set up a business. Some entrepreneurs were so fed up with filling in forms that they felt it was not worth carrying on. Now the cabinet's "Tarzan" was being summoned to hack through the jungle. "Come on Michael. Out with your club. On with your loin cloth. Swing into action," Mr Major de-

high interest rates. Mr Major also highlighted his determination to raise classroom standards by bracing his party for a "collossal row" with the educational establishment over plans to send in teams of outside experts to revive slum schools.

The prime minister insisted that he was sensitive to the "personal hardship" faced by many people in the recession. "It's been taking a long time to get things going. I know how frustrating that is. Here, as abroad, debt has made people cautious. Slow to spend. That's made things tough for small businesses, tough for industry, too."

Appealing for patience, he said: "I want to come out of this recession safe from the threat of its repetition ... That's why we'll take no risks

with inflation." More had to be done to help exporters to compete across the globe. "We're already on the march against the Eurocrat and his sheaf of directives.

on Europe and the economy. However, he clearly felt that the tide was running his way on education as he revelled in his reputation as a traditionalist and relished the prospect of a further showdown with trendy educationists. "Well, if

Mr Major said it took 28

dard inner city schools. If local councils could not do the job. "No loss of identity others would take over.

He promised new "education associations" to replace in the EC' incompetent local authorities. They would be charged with putting problem schools back on their feet.



audience, and Mr Heseltine

sitting nearby.
With the £4.5 billion a year roads programme facing drastic cutbacks in the public spending squeeze, Mr Major hinted at changes in the Ryrie rules which inhibit public bodies borrowing on the open market.

Much of the prime minister's speech was a staunch defence of embattled positions it was not possible to "pull up the drawbridge and live in our

own private yesterday". 'Change isn't just coming. it's here. I want Britain to mould that change, to lead that change in our own national interest. That's what Imean by being at the heart of Europe. Not turning a deaf ear to the heartbeat of

Seeking to allay fears that the Maastricht treaty was a blueprint for a united states of Europe, he promised: "I will never - come hell or high water - let our distinctive British identity be lost in a federal Europe.

Maastricht had begun to reverse the trend towards centralisation. Summits at Birmingham and Edinburgh would carry the process further. EC politicians had to learn that they could not advance by "browbeating" Denmark or "bullying"

At the heart of the govern-ment's policy lay one objective only — a "cold, clear-eyed calculation of the British national interest".

Mr Major said the Maastricht Treaty appeared to have become "shrouded in myth and legend". Contrary to people's fears, the treaty did not commit Britain to a European single currency and did not cover immigration policy, education, defence, citizenship or

iobs and working conditions. Mr Major spoke for 58 minutes. He was rewarded with a six-minute standing ovation and the singing of Land of Hope and Glory.

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Taking a bow: Norma Major enjoys a standing ovation after Mr Major told delegates that the date of the last election was the armiversary of their meeting

Tory doubts linger over the economy

BY SHEILA GUNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CONSERVATIVE activists leaving Brighton last night appeared comforted by John Major's forthright speech but with lingering doubts over how the government will ease Britain's economic problems in the months ahead.

Many representatives felt the prime minister had defused the party's internal troubles over the Maastricht treaty and gone some way to restoring party unity over Europe. Even those doubtful about the impact of the treaty were impressed by Mr Major's commitment to put British interests first.

However, in spite of praise for Mr Major's long-term vision, there was criticism of the lack of immediate help to save firms, jobs and homes this winter.

The Tory faithful also seems to be warming to his conference style, particularly wel-coming the bullish attacks on New Age travellers and progressive teachers.

John Davis from Endington said the speech offered "jam tomorrow but no bread today". He welcomed the long-

predecessor."

prime minister but said the speech offered no help for the short-term problems of firms. "We feel this conference has

been hijacked by Maastricht and not enough is being done to save businesses in the recession. Other countries such as Italy and Spain will come out of the recession running while we will come out limping.

"I represent a lot of people who have always voted Con-servative but feel let down. And we do not like to be told we are whingeing."

Andrew Venn from Horsham said: "It was relatively inspiring and great rhetoric, but can the government do what he says by the year 2000? I am happy with John Major but I honestly believe we have the wrong man in charge of the economy."

Charles Miller from Stroud particularly liked Mr Major's attack on New Age travellers. "It was a very encouraging speech and very thoughtful,

very different from his

Roger Trewhella from Faimouth and Camborne was one of several representatives who described the speech as "solid". "John Major still seems remarkably confident and in control, although not

all the other members of the government did," he added. Steve Manus from Westminster university said: "He cracked down on people like New Age travellers and crime and was very firm on Europe. I was not very pleased about the part on the economy. He

did not say enough."

Desmond Billing from
Crosby believed Mr Major had made a real attempt to answer the worries expressed during the week and had exuded "a quiet confidence". "He gave a real sense that, difficult though times will be, we are moving forward slowly

but with certainty."

John Foster from St Albans said the prime minister had dispelled many "misconceptions" about the Maastricht treaty and that he should follow up by sending everyone

By Shella Gunn

A herringbone tweed coat with the nasal Ulster twang

faded out yesterday night as

a regular evening visitor to

the nation's sittingrooms.
To some, John Cole has

become one of the most

familar presences in their

lives. As the BBC's political

editor his distinctive style

and accent stirred up fierce

passions on occasion, but

yesterday politicians united

to talk of his integrity and

His high-profile post will

he figure in the shabby

a clear explanation of the treaty's provisions.

Anthony Nolder from Ea-ling Southall described it was "a homely speech" both in terms of helping families and. in the wider context, of

"He was telling us what he is going to do. which was not addressed yesterday by the Chancellor. I think he has bashed the Euro-sceptics on the head."

Audrey Logan from Redcar said: "It is more forceful than any speech Mr Major has given and the sense of humour will bring his message home to many people. I think today he became the star of the

Brian Wilson from Twickenham commented: "It was good to hear home truths. It was solid and sensible and we are now getting used to his character and not expecting him to bang the drum.
"We have to accept he is not

the same type of person as Michael Heseltine and treat him for what he is, a man who holds sincere and genuine

be taken over today by Robin Oakley, our own former polit-ical editor. Cole started out

as a copytaker on the Belfasi

Telegraph, before switching

to reporting. Taking on the BBC's post in 1981 was a

gamble. Although initially

viewers complained of his

accent and coat, both became

He said of the coat yester-

day: "I bought it in a sale and no one noticed it." In fact

Marmaduke Hussey, the

BBC chairman, eventually

wrote to him: "For God's

sake don't get rid of the

his hallmarks.

The winners...



The Grand Hotel and other hostelries whose bars heaved until dawn each day with visitors sipping double gin and tonics at 64.20 a time (singles were not available).

Douglas Hurd for the best speech of the week enabling him to emerge unscathed from a rottweiler attack by Lord Tebbit, the Maastricht

Michael Heseltine for successfully retaining his mantle as conference darling by deliberately inciting and then crushing the Euro-sceptic

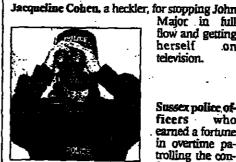
Escada, the luxury German fashion house. which was well supported by Norma Major at the conference this week.



The European for having the foresight to carry 1,200-word critique of Maastricht from Baroness Thatcher on the morning she swept into Brighton.

Jeffrey Archer whose champagne and shep-nerd's pie party provided the best heavyweight fight - between Lord Tehbit and Kenneth Clarke — that the conference circuit has seen.

John Major for surviving.

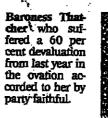


flow and getting television.

Sussex police officers who earned a fortune in overtime patrolling the conference centre.

John

...The losers





Norman Lam out for signally failing to rise to a conference occasion on which his career depended.

The Young Conservatives football team thrashed 4-0 by the press.

Lord Hesketh, who had to cancel his third party because his guests had drunk all the champagne the night before. ised yesterday to wipe out the Tory party's £10 million over-draft and to create the best political machine in the world



Norma Major for her taste in haute couture at the conference this week.

Jeremy . Pax-man, Newsnight anchorman and

ticians, left in the cold in London while his colleague Peter Snow generated the headlines

The Bundeshank.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, who did not get a look in because the real opposition was in Brighton.

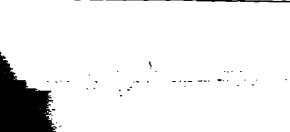
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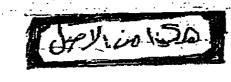
Sunday trade reform plan

approve the shake up.

THE government is to make an early attempt to reform the Sunday trading law. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is to make a statement to the Commons before Christmas setting out the options for amending the discredited 1950 Shops Act.

The Home Office is determined to end the present anomalies in the law which allows shops to sell girlie magazines on Sundays but not Bibles.





Tweed and twang depart



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Iraq vows to obstruct **UN arms** inspectors

By Our Foreign Staff

THE last United Nations weapons inspection team due to visit Iraq before America's presidential election will leave here for Baghdad next week, despite a call from President Saddam Hussein for resistance to it.

The 40-strong team will be one of the largest of the 45 sent so far. It will be working to destroy the ballistics missile programme and be led by a

Russian diplomat.
The timing has prompted speculation that President Bush may yet become embroiled in another conflict with Baghdad if attempts are made to obstruct the team. "It is a coincidence of scheduling that is sure to stir allegations of an October surprise," said the weekly US News and World Report.

On Monday, Saddam launched his strongest ever attack on the inspectors' visit. He called on the ruling Baath party to mobilise to confront the attempts of the stray dogs that come under the cover of the UN committee and under the title of inspection

Iraq's plea at the United Nations in New York to postpone the visit was rejected.

Israeli right and the Palestinians attack Rabin's concessions

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By Richard Beeston in Jerusalem and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was accused by Israeli hardliners yesterday of giving away too much at the negotiating table, while Pales-tinians complained that he had not yet done enough to advance the cause of peace.

Egypt and Jordan wel-comed Israel's decision on Thursday to lift its boycott of two multilateral working groups and negotiate for the first time with Palestinians from outside the occupied territories. Both countries said they viewed the move as a genuine concession.

However, the country's right-wing opposition com-plained that the coalition gov-ernment had handed the PLO a victory on a plate. Benny Begin, a Lidud Knesset member and possible future party leader, accused Mr Rabin of "a very important achievement, to my regret, for the PLO and its supporters".

Until now Israel has refused to negotiate with any Palestinians living outside the occu-pied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in particular the banned PLO, because it could be regarded as recognition for millions of exiled Palestinians.

Mr Begin, who was sup-ported by Rafael Eitan, leader of the extremist Tsomet party. predicted that the govern-ment's decision to attend talks in Paris on regional economic development on October 29,



and in Ottawa on refugees on November 11, would inevitably lead to a debate over the Palestinian "right of return". Palestinian leaders, howev-

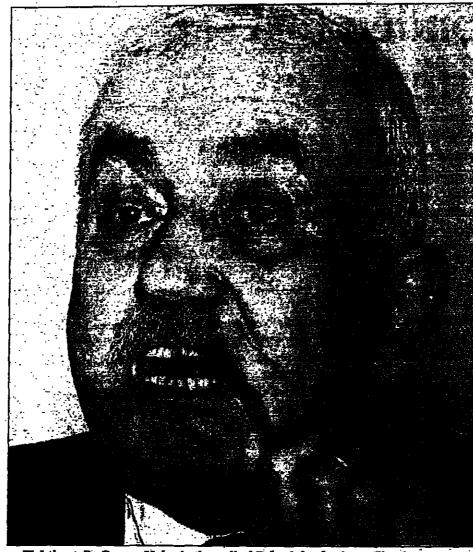
er, are not happy with the conditions for Israeli involvement in the talks. Israel has insisted that it will send only a delegation so long as there are no members of the Palestine National Council — the Pales-tinian parliament in exile present and no residents of Arab east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed from Jordan in

Speaking from the PLO headquarters in Tunis, Bassam Abu Sharif, the organisation's spokesman, ac-cused Israel of trying to give the impression that it was giving concessions, while in reality it was just playing for time. "The Palestinians did not try to impose any conditions on the Israeli delegation, so Israel has no right to dictate conditions for the formation of the Palestinian delegation,"

The tough remarks, echoed in Jerusalem by Faisal Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian leader in the occupied territories, were made ahead of a key Central Council meeting of top PLO figures in Tunis next week. They are expected to decide what course to take in the forthcoming round of bilateral talks due to resume in Washington on

George Habash, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, dismissed the concessions, saying there was no fundamental change in the Israeli position. Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, had failed to convince him negotiations were worthwhile and he said he would call on Palestinians to withdraw from this "destructive process" as soon as possible. He added that armed struggle against Israel should continue.

Yossi Beilin, the deputy foreign minister, insisted that the concession had been made during the visit by Amr Moussa, the Egyptian foreign minister, as a gesture to Cairo. He said the government had no intention of negotiating with the PLO or becoming embroiled in the question of the "right of return"



Fighting talk: George Habash, the radical Palestinian leader, calling in Annuan yesterday for continuation of the armed struggle against Israel

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negotiator with Syria, meanwhile said yesterday that both countries would have to make concessions when talks resume. And he hinted that Israel might be prepared to consider recognising Syrian sovereignty over all the Golan Heights some time in the future, though this "major

concession" was not on the present agenda. Professor Rabinovich said during a visit to London that Syria was negotiating seriously and more progress had been made in the last round than he had imagined possible. He called on President Assad of Syria to do something, such as help trace missing Israeli soldiers.

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al house arrest

As the five-yearly party con-

gress on Monday draws closer, the central committee said that the Zhao case had been

closed. It said that the 1989

party decision that he was guilty of "supporting the tur-moil" and "splitting the par-

The party's investigation of

Mr Zhao's "mistakes" has

dragged on haunting the party with memories of the Transmen Square demon-

strations and army repres-

sion. The party had promised to close the investigation be-

fore the congress to put the

issue of Tianaumen Square to

The recently renewed calls

for radical reform by Deng

Xiaoping the senior leader, gave rise to speculation that Mr Zhao might be forgiven his sins and re-emerge to

reassure foreign investors

that the violent instability of

to reassure Israeli public opinion. Israel is still hoping for an Assad-Rabin summit, if not in Damascus or Jerusalem, then in a neutral capital. Israel would not insist on a partial settlement, given Syria's unwillingness for any interim accord that separated Damas cus from other Arab neg-

Earth is thought to have crushed them. Pioneer circled Venus more than 5,000 times. Sikhs hanged

Poons: Protests and strike calls in Punjab followed the hanging of two Sikhs convict-ed of killing the Indian army chief, General Asun Vaidya, in 1986. Sukhdev Singh and Harjinder Singh shouted independence slogans on their way to the scaffold. (Reuter)

Pioneer

ends space

journey

Sydney: The Pioneer space-craft has plunged into the

scorching annosphere of Ve-

mus, ending its 14-year mis-

sion in space. Nasa controllers in Australia said. The craft

launched in 1978 on a mis-

sion to study Venus, had

exhausted its fuel earlier this

The spacecraft was given up for dead an hour after contact was lost, said Peter Churchill

the acting director of Tidbinbilla tracking station

near Capberra. "It was fare-well to a long standing friend. We tracked it almost daily for 14 years. We're not particular-

ly sad: it has more than

returned its original invest-

Pioneer mapped Venus for

the first time, sent thousands of images of its switting clouds, and dropped four thanium-clad probes into the 500°C heat of the planet. Two

probes survived for less than a

minute on the surface, where

air pressure 92 times that of

Airport blast

Leanda: Four people were killed when a bomb exploded in a provincial airport filled with demobilised soldiers. No group claimed responsibility but tensions are high after reside vowed to fight on after being defeated in multiparty elections. (Reuter)

Pope flies out

Rome: The Pope left Rome for the Dominican Republic to mark the 500th appriversary of the introduction of Christianity to America. This was his first trip abroad since undergoing surgery in July. He is due to return here on October 14. (Reuter)

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Hands off

Tokyor Japan will abolish in January its requirement for permanent foreign residents in the country to be finger-printed, officials said. The number of such residents is estimated at 645,000, most of them from South and North

Water baby

Tokyo: A whale has given birth to a baby fathered by a dolphin in a Japanese aquarium. The "whalphin" was about 6ft long at birth and is certain to outgrow its 9ft bottle-nose dolphin father soon, according to an aquarium spokesman, (Reuter)

Trio gives up

Bogotá: Roberto Escobar, the brother of the fugitive Medellin drugs cartel leader, and two associates have surrendered, raising expectations that Pablo Escobar would soon turn himself in to the authorities. (AP)

Smoking cure

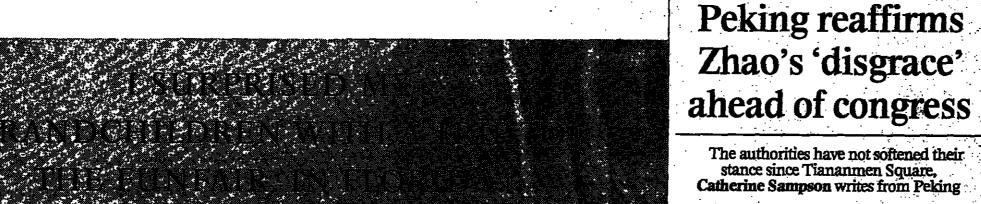
Peking: Chinese inventors are claiming success with a tobacco-and-herb cigarette that smokes out haemorrhoids. Clinical work on 760 patients showed a 95 per cent cure rate when sufficient cigarettes were smoked. China Daily reported. (Reuter)

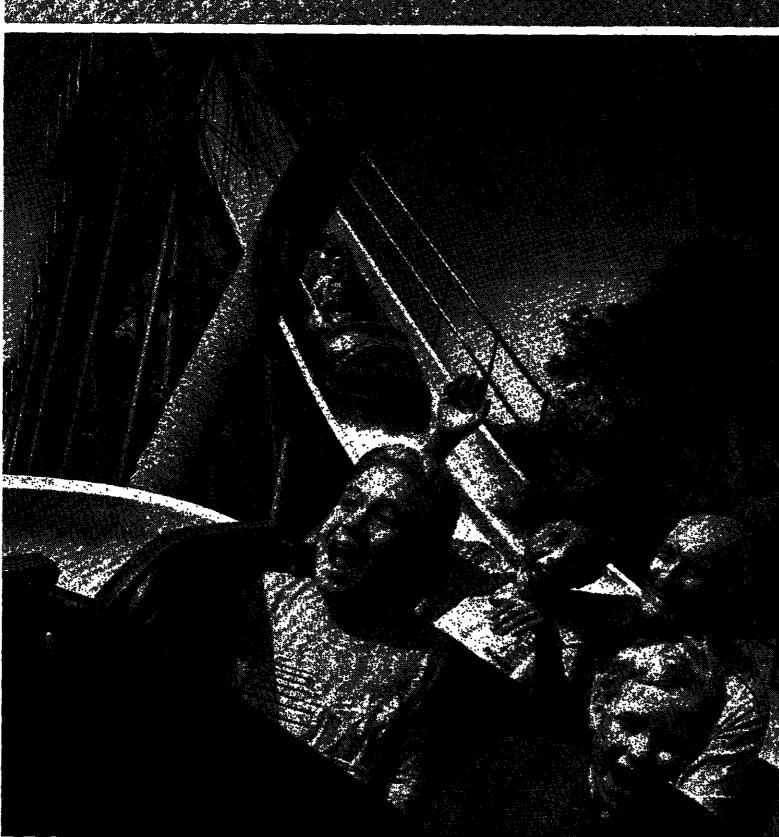
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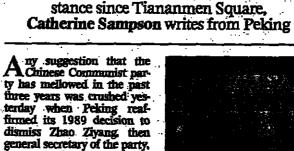




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Zhao: stands accused

treat in Beidaihe. A rectification campaign was intro-duced to cool down the overheated economy. In 1989, demonstrations against cor-ruption turned quickly into lowed by a conservative back-lash which lasted until early this year. The 13th congress

the past Mr Zhao was an enthusiastic proponent of Mr Deng's economic reforms. Yesterday's decision suggests that Mr Deng cannot risk bringing Mr Zhao into the public eye, and thereby reopening the fierce debates of 1989: the wounds of that period remain. Neither Mr Zhao nor Mr Deng, 88, is likely to appear at next week's congress. Mr Deng is too old, and holds no official position. Mr Zhao remains under virtu-

But while Mr Zhao's name will be almost taboo, it is Mr Deng's name which will be uttered more times than any other, and always in reverential tones. It is his vision of the future which will be endorsed. and although nobody will dare to mention Mr Deng's eventual passing, everyone will know that the 14th congress is intended as his legacy. But there is a feeling of unease surrounding this congress. This is not, after all, the first time that Mr Deng has tried to set his radical reform policies in stone. Five years ago, observers were touting the 13th party congress as Mr Deng's last battle. It closed with substantial gains for the reformist faction, and yet the past five years have been

called into question. A year after the 1987 congress, Mr Deng's protégé, Zhao Ziyang, was criticised at

turbulent and Mr Deng and all he stands for have been



calls for Mr Deng's resignation and freedom of the press. The army repression was folcan only be seen as a hollow

The prospects for the period

after the 14th congress are little better. Ever since 1989 and the subsequent collapse of communism in the former Soviet bloc, China's Communists have been living from day to day. When Mr Deng emerged from his life as a recluse early this year, he had to kickstart reform all over again. But his heyday is gone and although his angry de-nunciation of leftism sent hardliners running for cover. he was revealed for what he is: an old, weak man without deputies sufficiently trusted or influential to fight his battles on his behalf.

E nationed at the centre of policy for the next half-decade is Mr Deng's belief that reform in the economy can be successfully married to an undemocratic political system. Yet Mr Deng's rule has shown that this vision does not work. At the forthcoming congress, economic reform will be more radical than ever, with the implementation of a new formulation, the "socialist market economy" effectively meaning an end to central planning.
On the political front, how-

ever, there will be a big step backwards from 1987, when separation of party and government was on the agenda. This time separation of party and government is not up for

There is speculation that Mr Deng's daughter. Deng Nan, will be voted on to the central committee at the congress, but the succession will

US ELECTION: THE BATTLEGROUND STATES

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Bush condemned for 'McCarthyite' attack on Clinton patriotism

GEORGE Bush's assault on Bill Clinton's patriotism pro-voked a backlash yesterday, with Democrats, the media and even Republicans accus-ing the president of desperate McCarthytie tactics that shamed his office.

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How the attack played in Middle America remained uncertain, but the vehement reaction in the capital suggested he had committed a serious blunder by denouncing his opponent's anti-Vietnam war activities and Moscow visit while an Oxford student 23 years ago.
Mr Clinton said the attack

was a deliberate strategy "cooked up by extreme rightwingers". Mr Clinton's pollsters claimed that Mr Bush's negative ratings had jumped ten points in a day, their man's only three.

The president refused to back off. He repeated his charges in a speech on Thursday night to Republican donors and again yesterday morning, saying he could not understand "someone mob-



ilising demonstrations in a foreign country when poor kids, drafted out of the ghettos, are dying in a faraway land". The two men look certain to

confront each other on the charges during tomorrow night's first presidential de-bate. Republican officials were said to be searching for more information about Mr Clinton's Oxford days, and aides hinted that Mr Bush could unveil fresh charges in the course of the live televised con-

The Bush camp claimed



Party politics: President Bush chatting with the actor Robert Mitchum at a fund-raising dinner in Houston

Rivals limber up for a high-stakes debate

By Martin Fletcher

THE stakes could not be higher in tomorrow night's which is why it has been preceded by the sort of quibbling over minute details that would do justice to arms control negotiations. The result is a 37-page agreement between the Bush, Clinton and Perot camps stipulating everything from the colour of the backdrop, to the relative positions of the candidates' dressing rooms, to how many aides can accompany them

onto the stage. The 90-minute debate, the first of the 13 presidential confrontations since 1960 to have three participants, is to be broadcast on eight separate networks beginning at 7.00pm local time (midnight in Britain). Mr Bush has hinted at "fireworks", and the prospect of his directly challenging Bill Clinton on his draft record or anti-Vietnam war activities could shatter the record of 80 million viewers for Jimmy Carter's 1980 de-

bate with Ronald Reagan. The debate is being held in Washington University's gymnasium in St Louis, Missouri.

where there have been frantic andience of 3,200 will occupy two horseshoe-shaped tiers of blue-carpeted stage with semicircular backdrop designed and flown in from New York. Twenty thousand miles of electrical and telephone cable has been installed, primarily to service 1,400 journalists.

The three camps have drawn lots to decide who stands where. Mr Clinton has the centre podium, with President Bush stage left and Ross Perot stage right. Facing the candidates with their backs to the audience will be the moderator, Jim Lehrer, host of anightly current affairs programme on America's Public Broadcasting Service, and three questioners chosen from 10-name lists submitted by

each camp.

Mr Bush, veteran of one vice-presidential and two presidential debates, must "win" this debate if he is to close the gap on the Arkansas governor. but is walking a tightrope. He has to undermine public confidence in Mr Clinton while still appearing presidential.

Clinton's student activities, but the fact that he had dissembled about them just as he had dissembled about his draft record. Mary Maralin, deputy campaign manager, accused the Arkansas governor of "pathological deception", asking how his plans for the future could be believed "if we cannot believe anything he has said about his past".

Mr Clinton had indeed sought to minimise his signifi-cant role in organising anti-war demonstrations in London, but by yesterday morning the legitimacy of the presi-dent's attacks was by far the bigger issue.

Mr Bush was damned in a

series of blistering editorials. The Los Angeles Times said his attack was "not just patently desperate but deplorably sordid". The New York Times called it nasty and demagogic. The Washington Post said it propelled the campaign towards "a new low in sly innuendo and overt mudheaving". USA Today called on Mr Bush to substantiate the smear or apologise.

Commentators mocked the hypocrisy of the "kinder, gentler" president who in the same Thursday night appearance lamented that this was "the worst political year I have the ugliest, the

It was disclosed that Mr Bush was persuaded to mount the first attack on Wednesday primarily by Robert Dornan, an extreme Californian congressman that few take seriously. It was also reported that the party's internal tracking polls that day had shown Mr Bush trailing by 15 to 20 points even in Republican

gressmen condemned the oresident's "red-baiting", inhading Bill Bradley, the New Jersey senator, who resurrected Joseph Welch's famous retort to Senator Joseph Mc-Carthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" Mickey Kantor, Mr Clinton's campaign manager, said the attack was "as desperate as I have heard in American politics".

Even Republicans were aghast. "I hope we move on to the economy pretty quickly," Vin Weber, a co-chairman of the Bush campaign, said. Douglas Bailey, a Republican strategist, called it "desperate politics and a measure of how far he thinks this campaign has slipped away from him". Lynn Noiziger, formerly a senior Reagan aide, accused Mr Bush of stooping and said: This election has all the elements of a rout, unless there is a dramatic development." Other signs of Mr Bush's deteriorating political position

surfaced yesterday. Reportedly just 26 of this year's 413 Republican congressional candidates went to the White House on Tuesday to be photographed with Mr Bush for their campaign literature. Less than four weeks before the election the president is still having to raise funds, the Democrats having outstripped the Republicans by \$43 million (£25.5 million) to \$26 million (£15.3 million) since July. Even in his adopted

home of Texas, according to a

new poll yesterday, Mr Bush

leads Mr Clinton by just 41

points to 37, with Ross Perot

World Fair that produced the Republicans find hot dog and ice cream cone little comfort and venue for tomorrow in trend-setting night's presidential debate, is a fine old Midwest city with a Missouri, writes stately Ritz Carlton hotel. Martin Fletcher It was there, over breakfast

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of scrambled egg and toast, that Tom Eagleton recalled how 20 years ago he was dropped after 18 days as George McGovern's running mate when newspapers learned of his treatment for depression. "There is negative fate and positive fate," he chuckled. "That was positive fate." Mr McGovern lost to Richard Nixon in a landslide.

Now 63, silver-haired and looking slightly the worse for wear, the former three-term Missouri senator saw similarmes between Mr McGovern's 1972 campaign and President Bush's. Whenever Mr McGovern campaigned in Missouri "any Democrat running for anything had some previous engagement", he recalled. Now Missouri's Republicans were distancing themselves from Mr Bush.

One of the state's two senators, John Danforth, publicly labelled his party's divisive. mean-spirited convention a "total disaster". The other, Christopher Bond, is going to "go my own way on my own little bicycle and see if I can survive". Even a cousin of Mr Bush sought to play down his presidential connections while running for a Missouri congressional seat. He lost.

Unless he makes some huge gaffe in the debates, Missouri is safely for Clinton." Mr Eagleton predicted. The president is trailing here by 13 to 21 points with Ross Perot a minor irritant, and those fig-ures should chill the Bush campaign. Missouri has only

from St Louis

Heart of America grows cold

for the blueblood president

11 electoral college votes but is truly a beliwether state. It has backed the winner of every presidential election but one this century, and since 1968 has more closely replicated the winner's national margin of

victory than any other state.
"Missourah", as it is pronounced locally, is the geographical and demographical heart of America where all regions meet. St Louis and its famous arch, situated below the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, is the east's last city, Kansas City the west's first. These two industrial conurbations account for nearly 60 per cent of the population, and between them are 60,000 square miles

of rural, smalltown America.

Few states are being more ferociously contested or frequently visited by the candidates. To practically none has Mr Bush "pandered" more shamelessly. He enraged China last month by authorising McDonnell Douglas, the state's largest employer, to sell Taiwan \$5 billion (£2.95 billion) of F15 fighter jets, a policy reversal that saved 7,000 jobs. He has doled out farm disaster aid, big new agricultural export subsidies and huge credit guarantees for foreign countries to buy American grain. He has also ceded the great ethanol debate arcane to citydwellers but easily this year's hottest farmbelt

Missouri has 25,000 com growers, natural Republicans were prices not tumbling. With their Midwest counterparts, they have been demanding that the government promote com-based ethanol as an alternative car fuel. No matter that it worsens pollution and takes as much energy to produce as it eventually yields. Last week Mr Bush

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"Most people are savvy enough to know he is only supporting these issues because it is election year," Melinda Sanderson, a St Louis attorney, said. Missourians are not in a mood to be

caved in.

Beyond that, these Midwesterners feel little kinship for their patrician East Coast president. Mr Bush's attempt to claim the mantle of Missoun's favourite son, Harry Truman, "made people laugh," Mr Eagleton said.

With evident pleasure Leo O'Hearn, a retired St Louis pipelitter, damned the president as "a blueblood born to a certain type of people who think they own the country and have a right to run it".

Republicans see happy precedent in Tory victory

Anthony Howard in Washington asks if Mr Bush can defy the odds next month as John Major did in April



Political developments in Britain seldom nowadays make headline news in the United States. One recent British political event remains, however, as fresh in the public mind today as it was when it first happened. John Major's surprise election victory may have been won six months ago but it continues to provide a staple topic of conversation, at least within the American political community. The reason is obvious enough: it is widely seen as providing the best parallel with the current

presidential campaign. The analogy, of course, is not exact. After 12 years in the White House -- eight as vicepresident and four as president - George Bush has to be a nearer equivalent to Marga-ret Thatcher (whose longevity as prime minister was one of her crimes in the eyes of her party) than he is to John

And whatever Bill Clinton may be, he is certainly not a second Neil Kinnock - indeed, the president has taken to mocking him on the eve of the debate precisely because he is an Oxford man ("I didn't go to the Oxford Debating Society"). For an Ivy League elitist like himself, it is probably a rather too transparent an ef-fort at inverted snobbery to be

More to the point, where Mr Clinton is a fresh face, one of Mr Kinnock's problems last spring was that he had been around for so long (nine years) that it was impossible to present him as a new or exciting figure. Yet on morale grounds

alone, the Republicans in particular have increasingly come to view the Tories fourth election victory as the para-digm on which they should base all their own best efforts. Mr Major's triumph, after all, was won not only against the pollsters but in the face of an economic recession. Little wonder that the Bush campaign managers cheerfully sit at the feet of the visiting apparatchiks from Conservative Central Office, or that they are rumoured to have hung on

the lips of Maurice Saatchi. The evidence that they have learnt the lessons well is to be seen in one of their current television commercials. It portrays the Democrats' spending promises as posing a direct threat to taxpayers earning as little as £19,000 a year.

When that particular advertisement started appearing a week ago, the Clinton campaign immediately counterpunched hard. It branded the daim - somewhat vaguely

attributed to "100 economists" — a lie and called to its Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post to discredit it. To some, though, the very Democratic reaction suggested a fear that the Republicans had hit on a vulnerable spot.

Nothing has been more significant over the past few weeks than the way in which the Democrats have not so much tiptoed away from their party's past as decisively dissociated themselves from it. Little, if anything, has been heard from such figures as George McGovern, Walter Mondale or even Jimmy Carter himself.

The truth is that in this campaign the Democrats alfacing two enemies: like the Labour party six months ago, they are running not just against their opponents but against the public memory of their own record in office. If the Republicans can successfully pin on them the charge of being the "tax and spend' party, then even the Clinton poll leads, carefully nurtured through the past three months, could start to melt

The central weakness of the Republican campaign so far is that it has failed to find a theme. It has tended to spatter the target with magpie shots rather than concentrating cessfully did in Britain - on aiming at the bulls-eye of the voter's personal purse or

That may well be the product of a certain nervousness on the whole tax issue. The president himself, after all, suffers from one huge handicap in his notorious campaign pledge in 1988, "Read my lips, no new taxes" — a promise he broke two years later in a compromise he patched together with Congress. In the context of this year's contest, that remains his single greatest credibility gap. After a good deal of hesita-

tion, and some disagreement with those (including his budget director and his secretary ed the 1990 tax package, the president appears to have reconciled himself to admitting that going back on his word was "a mistake"

It is probably the only strategy open to him, if, starting with next week's debates. he is personally to pin the spendthrift tail onto the Dem-

Feminist campaigners hail lawyer turned icon

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

whose accusations of sexual harassment against US Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas last year left Americans stunned, is not running for office in the November election. But in many congressional races the memory of her is playing a key symbolic role.

A year ago the Senate judiciary committee con-firmed the nomination of Judge Thomas after one of the most stormy and partisan hearings ever witnessed in the United States. Since then Ms Hill has been transformed from a moderately successful lawyer into a feminist folk-hero to millions of women, and a potent rallying symbol for the unprecedentedly large number of women competing in congressional

There are currently only two women in the 100-seat Senate, but this year 11 women have won their party's nomination in senatorial contests. The number of women running for Congress has jumped from 78 in 1990

to 164 this year and, with resentment at the treatment of Ms Hill still rising, a substantial proportion seem likely to succeed. In a Gallup poll in July a quarter of those questioned said the case would be a big influence in their voting decisions.

In at least one senatorial election, that in Pennsylvania between Lynn Yeakel and Senator Arlen Specter, Ms Hill's most aggressive inquisitor at the hearings, the Hill debate has become a central campaign issue. Ms Yeakel claims that the verdict by the judiciary committee inspired her to run for

Ms Hill, 36, who is now writing a book about sexual harassment, has made numerous appearances on the American lecture circuit. commanding fees of up to \$10,000 (£5,900) a time, and has received more than 2.000 invitations to speak She has been showered with more than 20 awards, from bodies as varied as the American Civil Liberties Union and Glamour maga-





zine, and last August Ms Hill was a guest speaker at the nominally independent American Bar Association.



Following the Hill-Thomas

hearings, polls showed that Americans believed Judge Thomas's testimony over that of Ms Hill by three to one; a survey last week indicated that the country is now evenly divided over whose testimony was more



despite allegations of harassment by Anita Hill

able. The proportion of people who feel Ms Hill was unfairly treated by the senate panel has risen to 39 per cent, according to a survey in US News and World Report.

The speed with which Ms Hill has been transmogrified from an obscure witness into a political icon has surprised many people, including herself. "In learning that I am not alone in experiencing

ing that there are far too rienced a range of inexcusable and illegal activities — from sexist jokes to sexist assualt - on the job," she wrote recently.

For many women the issue is less the truth of the accusation of harassment than the methods of the allmale committee investigating the charges. "She was attacked and victimised as a second-class citizen," said a National Conference on Working Women spokeswoman. "Women will never forget the sight of her being attacked on television."

New York congresswoman Louise Slaughter said: "Hill touched a chord in almost every woman. Seeing Anita confronted with a phalanx of men who had no idea what she was talking about brought women a real sense of "I've been there"."

The Hill case has, it seems, sent money pouring into the campaign chests of women politicians. The National Organisation of Women has gained 50,000 new members šince the Hill-Thomas

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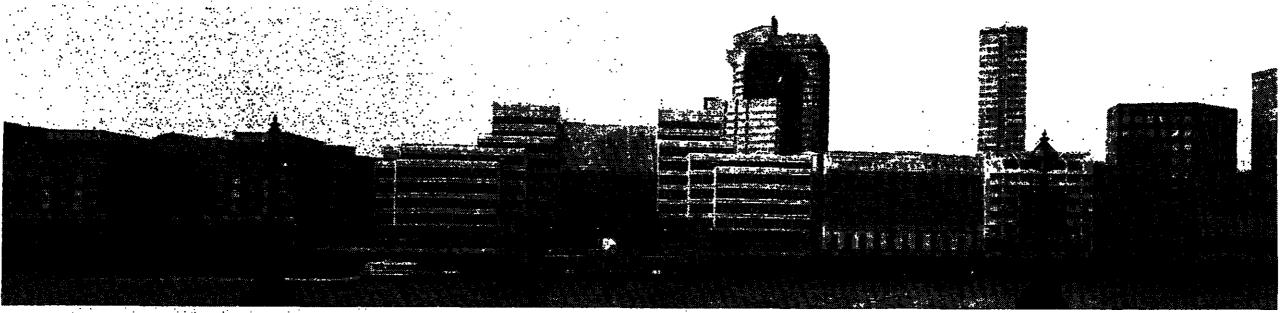
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Does it have a lunch queue? Or a lunch view?



Was it built for the Victorian age? Or the electronic age?

We hope you don't think we're being wet, but how important is beauty to you?

Think a minute: wouldn't you work better where the space between buildings is filled with glittering water not tarmac?

Wouldn't your staff sparkle in an electronic

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And when your jet glides in over the

shimmering Thames to your own airport wouldn't you say, "Life is more beautiful in Docklands"?

You would?

Sir, Madam, you have the soul of a Docker.



Making sense of metaphysics

Daniel Johnson on Iris Murdoch's bid to reawaken moral philosophy

For Dame Iris

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ver since the Reformation, metaphysics has had a bad name in this country. It is true that George Herbert, John Donne et al were popularised under their modern sobriquet "metaphysical poets", but empiricists set the tone. The normally eirenic and tolerant David Hume pronounced a kind of anathema on metaphysics: "Commit it then to the flames: for it can contain nothing but sophistry and illusion."

Would that great sceptic have recommended the same treatment for Iris Murdoch's latest thick volume of philosophy, published this week under the title Metaphys-ics as a Guide to Morals (Cape)? I trust not, for she quotes him frequently and respectfully, along with others whose loathing of the attempt to encompass the ineffable in words was scarcely less extreme: Wittgenstein and Freud, Ryle and Ayer. But the sages whom Dame Iris reveres most were certainly in

some sense metaphysicians: Plato and St Augustine, St Anselm and Meister Eckhart. Hegel and Kierkegaard, Kant and Schopenhauer, Husseri and Heidegger, Sartre and Simone Weil.

This is not the place to pursue to deep and intricate argument, still less to test it. Dame Iris does not deny that metaphysics may be as cloudy and obscurantist as

Hume alleged; but she has formed the view that metaphysical reasoning at its most sublime may ascend beyond the clouds to a sunlit clearing on the roof of the intelligi-

Dame Iris believes, moreover that such authentic metaphysical reasoning — which may overlap with religious or aesthetic contemplation — is among the most precious activities of which we are capable, an integral part of the good life, the indispensable adjunct of morality. This is not a fashionable opinion, even among philosophers, who have a professional interest in the value of speculative thought. That may be one reason why a celebrated novelist in the autumn of her life (she is a vigorous 73) should have lavished so much of her remaining energy on the abstractions of this book.

One may reply that recommending the study of metaphysics is all very well for those whose minds are anyway so inclined, who are endowed with the mental agility to plunge into the abyss of doubt with Pascal or soar into the empyrean of pure reason with Kant. To attribute virtue to such cosmic acrobatics necessarily excludes the majority of the human race. It reinvents the notion of privileged wisdom, to which not only the official sacerdotal élites of history have laid claim. but also anti-establishment intellectuals: the perfecti of the Cathars; the illuminati of the Enlightenment Foucault. Derrida and other gurus of our universities. If it is inaccessible, metaphysics is worse than no guide to morals; it then becomes

ideology. The most radical indictment of a

modern movement to revive metaphysics — German idealism — is to be found in the works of a metaphysician for whom Dame Iris seems to have a special affection: Arthur Schopenhauer. His English schooling may have disposed him to be critical of the indifference to fidelity to experience that he detected in the lecture halls of Germany. The vehemence of his denunciation of Fichte, Schelling, Hegel and their disciples as "char-latans" is only explicable as the contempt of a cosmopolitan who had sat at the feet of the greatest poet of the age, Goethe, and thought the pretensions of academ-

Cliquish self-indulgence was also a besetting vice (by no means the only one) of another group who sought to live their lives according to a philosophical doctrine: G.E. Moore's Cambridge disciples, several of whom went on to become adornments of Bloomsbury. John Maynard Keynes

later remembered how Moore's ethical principles were embroidered into a private morality of self-gratification, hostile to traditional barriers yet eager to create new

physics is concerned with things". "higher with transcendental truths, with the ultimate meaning of life, those who attempt to write about it in a manner which the layman can under-

stand are vulnerable to ridicule. Iris Murdoch is a more respectable figure than George Eliot and her beloved George Henry Lewes, both of whom tried to interpret the continental metaphysical disputes of their day for a wider audience and received precious little thanks for it. Nevertheless, Dame Iris is not always taken as seriously as she deserves. Her example is not generally imitated in the universities: few who study philosophy at a British university are ever advised to read the metaphysicians she discusses with such zest. Will this great work of her own find its way onto many undergraduate reading lists? Alas,

Dame tris is no prophet. Even those who have made her acquaintance only briefly can vouch for the fact that she has no vatic demeanour, no demonic aura of mystery d la Wittgenstein. In her case there is no question of a school of disciples of the kind that some French. losophers encourage.

But she has charisma. Who could forget the following tableau? This remarkable lady, sitting on the bed in a drab modern hotel room at a conference in Toledo, sipping sherry (the only drink available) with a few others, the historian Sir Raymond Carr and the journalist Edward Mortimer among them. She had us all under her spell. In the presence of a person whose inner life was palpably as rich as hers, "ultimate concerns" acquired a plasticity which our ephemeral physical surroundings altogether lacked. Iris Murdoch makes metaphysics real.

Is truth served by ministers settling old political scores?

of John Major's cabinet crept up to bed on Black Wednesday night and intoned into their Dictaphones, "What I said today... and why I am in the wonder how many thought "Hmm, that must be worth a few bob come the order of

There is not much new about this week's row between Lord Tebbit and Lord Lawson on who said what about ERM entry in cabinet in 1985. The nation is not hanging on the outcome. Politicians are the worst diarists when accuracy is at issue. History knows that many cabinet ministers went along with Margaret Thatcher even when they thought she was wrong. Give history a stiff drink and it will point that that Mrs. Thatcher also want out that Mrs Thatcher also went along with Mrs Thatcher even when she knew she was wrong. Tell us something fresh, Thucydides, or we take the next boat back to Corinth.

The Thatcher government is now yielding as rich a harvest of selfexculpatory memoirs as did Lord Wilson's governments. Those of the old grandees such as Lord Carrington and Lord Whitelaw are anodyne. Lord Whitelaw was horrified when a friend congratulated him on being so "interesting". It was the last thing he had meant to be - to the chagrin of his publishers. But the great dispossessed of Thatcherism are a different kettle of fish. They had no old estates to return and settle. All they had to settle were old scores.

Lords Ridley, Parkinson, Lawson and (next year) Howe all offer a peek behind the curtain of government and a glimpse of blood. There is wormwood still in their souls as they lean across the Garrick table and see before them the narcotic of revenge, with many noughts attached. Is this a Mail or a Sunday Times job? Any chance of a salesboosting injunction? Can we enrage the cabinet secretary? They shudder at the indignity of it. But "rightly to be great is... to find quarrel in a straw when honour's at the stake".

All this began under Lord Wilson with the end of the cabinet as a club with unwritten rules. After the Crossman diaries, cabinets became open secrets, much as Parliament did in the 18th century when reporting was forbidden in the interest of frank debate. But its secrecy was to be breached by such partial observers as Richard Crossman, Barbara Castle or Tony Benn. A discordant host was bound to emerge of colleagues desperate to set the record straight for the sake of their own place in history. With ministerial careers growing ever more abbreviated, the prospect is now of cabinet discussion appearing in print at near dictation speed.

Is this a good thing? To apostles of open government, of course it is. The more cabinet memoirs, and the sooner, the merrier. If we cannot ourselves kick politicians in their privates, at least we can enjoy watching them do it to each other. But where to draw the line?

In Washington, the revelation of documents from virtually every government forum is de rigueur. Nor is this enough. Participants seem to feel obliged to disclose their role in each passing drama to the writers of instant books. Since Watergate, history has come to be, not what happened, but what the least discreet, or most frightened.

The torrent of memoirs from trusted members of Mrs Thatcher's cabinet threatens to undermine the vital confidentiality of office, says Simon Jenkins





Spilling too many secrets too soon: Thatcher, Lawson, Howe, Ridley, Parkinson and Tebbit have published or are about to publish their versions of history from the security of the House of Lords

official said to the first Boswell to shove a microphone under his chin. I have read no more extraordinary book on American government than David Stockman's The Triumph of Politics, relating his time as President Reagan's budget

chief. The portrait of Mr Reagan and Caspar Weinberger as two infants playing Russian roulette with the American deficit is terrifying. But I would never trust Mr Stockman with a confidence if my life depended on it. Strobe Talbor's portrayal, in his Deadly Gambits, of the battle over arms control between Richard Perle and Richard Burt in the early 1980s left no stone unturned, no conversation (apparently) unrecorded. Each man, or certainly Mr Burt, clearly disclosed every detail of highly private conversations.

On the market at present are some remarkable books about the Gulf war. Bob Woodward's The Commanders, General Norman Schwarzkopi's memoirs, It Doesn't Take a Hero, and General Sir Peter de la Billière's Storm Command relate the complex arguments that preceded the launch of Desert Storm. Few confidences appear to have been respected, apart presum-ably from those that might have put the authors in a bad light. In the

Guif war, as in the Falklands, the generals wanted to proceed slowly, the politicians wanted speed. Norman Schwarzkopf, like Peter de la Billière, and like Brigadier Julian Thompson at San Carlos, developed a loathing for politicians back home, unaware of the domestic pressure generated by any limited war. Since generals always have better tunes than politicians, they tend to be believed. But if, having accepted the glory of command, they now intend to tell all afterwards, woe betide any defence minister who sends a literary

general to war. The habit of political kiss-and-tell climactic event must distort the confidences vital between those taking difficult decisions. Reading Strobe Talbot's book. I felt the participants were pre-enacting the script of the film of the book that was already in the imagination of each antagonist. Why, each seemed to say to himself, concede any point why compromise on any principle? 'I want to be played by Robert

The result of such instant indiscretion must be plain. It pushes the real horsetrading of government back into the shadows. Swedish cabinet minutes are public documents. Cabinets are, I am told, completely bland as a result. In Washington freedom of information has simply led to the creation tees, to more cronyism, to Henry Kissinger's diplomatic "back chan-nels" and the murky Irangate contacts of Oliver North. The formal conduits of crisis management become so clogged with indiscretion and mistrust that only those who believe implicitly in each other's trust will deal honestly with

ime was when members of British cabinets neither explicitly breached its con-fidences nor stabbed officials in the back. Crossman changed that What particularly enraged his officials, notably his permanent secretary Baroness Sharp, was that he attacked them by name when they were legally forbidden to answer back. Since it is a good principle of government that its officers do not go public with instant views on ministerial competence, some quid pro quo must apply. Officials sign a secrets act, ministers do not.

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Today we find the Cabinet Office trying and falling to prevent some of Lord Ridley's indiscretions. Treasury officials found Lord Lawson's attacks on them in his forthcoming memoirs outrageous. Similar protests will greet Alan Clark's memoirs, already being trailed as sensationally indiscreet. Some officials involved in the Westland affair were so outraged at the version peddled by Sir Bernard Ingham that they lodged their own memoirs in bank vaults. I imagine Treasury officials are doing the

same right now. Historians should perhaps welcome such titbits as "the first rough draft of history". But they are not. They are a desperate bid to redraft history before it gets written. His-torical truth is an ever-shifting desert, but it is charted more accurately when the jottings of the moment are viewed from some distance - witness Selwyn Lloyd's brilliant memoir on Suez, written in retirement near the end of his

There must be a virtue in the executive being left to debate policy free of the fear that anyone worsted in that debate will spew bile into a diary late at night for passing on to the press. The alternative is for intrigue to feed on intrigue, for government to become a real-life rehearsal for a subsequent fictional drama. If ministers can no longer be relied upon not to rat on their friends, perhaps cabinet members should be asked to sign a contract of secrecy to apply for ten years after leaving office. Clearly the club needs new rules.



...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

claimed were attempting to with-

The words "whom" are boobytraps for teenage scribblers in a hurry. They always have been, but they are more explosive these days now that journalists have had less training in formal grammar than a generation ago. And years of repetition of the error in print have hypnotised good writers into thinking that going for whom is the safer bet, except when a verb immediately following the pronoun decides for who.

Here are some recent examples of the solecism in The Times from some of the best writers on the paper. "The only Labour spokesman he disliked was a not very effective one whom he thought seized on any issue which might make a headline." Now the Conservatives have removed the leader whom they too had convinced themselves had become an electoral liability." "Gordon Brown, whom some Labour MPs had hoped would contest the leadership.

In every case, the pronoun should be who, because it is the subject of its clause (to drop into the dreaded jargon of grammar). and ought therefore to be in the nominative. (That's quite enough grammatical jargon, Ed.) I have had a punctilious letter from a don turned government mandarin, great and good committee person, president of the Classical Association, and a man who cares about these things.

He has been moved to write by a sentence on the back page: Bosnian forces clashed with the besieging Serbs whom they

draw heavy weapons." And he writes, with donnish irony: "It is about ten years ago that I wrote to you to point out this interest-ing variation from what used to be called 'correct' English. (But you and I are both descriptive not prescriptive grammarians, and stick up for usage not correctness.) It seemed clear from studying the paper that at some time, probably around 1978, a memorandum had been circulated instructing all staff that for the future the form used for the relative pronoun should be whom, with the solitary exception that when the pronoun immediately preceded the verb, the obsolete form who could continue to be used for the present. Over the past dozen years or so that instruction has never been disobeyed." He followed this up with a fax pointing out that the moron who makes up the daily Word-Watching safari had committed the same solecism in that

day's answers. Falling into the sarcasm trap, and sighing a bit, I replied that no such memorandum had been circulated, that journalists write too much too fast, that the prevalence of the error might be a sign that idiom was slipping into what Fowler called a sturdy indefensible, that I was terribly sorry, that there must be more important things to fuss about, and that now I really had to get on with writing solecisms for

tomorrow's paper. The error is an old boobytrap. Shakespeare fell into it in The

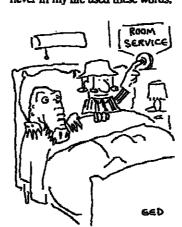
Tempest: "Young Ferdinand, whom they suppose is drown'd." It comes from writing too fast. Perhaps Shakespeare and the rest of the hacks think the active verb "they suppose" puts the pronoun into the objective case. Perhaps that whom sounds right because of attraction into the case of Ferdinand, who is in the accusative because his immediately preceding words are "while I visit". You visit a whom, not a who. Perhaps we are confusing the phrase with another way of putting the same thing "Young Ferdinand, whom they suppose (to be) drown'd." Perhaps they thought for a split second, and decided that whom sounded safer It is an error and a solecism to

make an accusative whom the subject of a clause "is drown'd". The Serbs were attempting to their relative pronoun is in the nominative as a subject. who. Eventually these case inflections will fade away from pronouns, as they have in English from nouns and adjectives, which all once declined into different cases for different uses. But until that happens, it is daft to use the objective case whom as the subject of a sentence. It does not confuse the meaning, which is a worse sin in writing than a false case. But it annoys people who care for such things, and suggests that journos for The Times write in a slapdash way. We must try to do better. I think I wrote that to my meticulous corres-

Travails with my gundealer

PAUL THEROUX, whose travel-ogues are required reading for the itinerant middle-classes, has found himself embroiled in an Australian literary row over the much-trodden junction between fact and fiction. He is being accused of exaggeraring his experiences for his latest bestseller, The Happy Isles of Oceania. Paddling the Pacific. which is billed as a true account of

Theroux's adventures. According to John Purcell, a gundealer from Cooktown in northern Queensland, who sold the author a rifle and travelled with him for several days. Theroux inaccurately recorded conversations with Purcell about the relationship between Aboriginal women and white men. The writer used the terms "gin jockeys", "creamies" and "halfies". "I have never in my life used these words,"



savs Purcell, who is the basis for the Fred Hardy character in Theroux's travel book. Purcell further alleges, in the Courier Mail, Brisbane, that



Theroux did not camp by the crocodile-infested Endeavour river at Cooktown, but enjoyed the airconditioned splendour of the Sov-

ereign hotel.
"I never saw the collapsible kayak which he said he paddled up the lonely coast," Purcell continues. "He said it was packed away in his hotel room." Theroux remains unrepentant.

The author says that travel books are by definition selective. Speaking from his home in Cape Cod, he says: "This does not mean that you should be economical with the truth, but I admit that I did change the chronology. These are allowable liberties. I do not want to write short flawless books. I am much more interested in long messy books because that is the way life is. There are bound to be discrepancies and errors".

Ear, ear

HAD the Bennett family of Faversham decided to eschew politics forever, the nation would have sympathised. The family, at the centre of the controversial Jennifer's Ear election broadcast, was deemed to have been well and truly manipulated by both the Labour Party and the Tones.

It was a surprise therefore to see the Bennetts out in force in Brighton this week. Both Jennifer's ter parties in his suite on the

mother, Margaret, and her grand-father, Peter Lee-Roberts, three times Tory mayor of Faversham, were spotted in the conference centre. It was Lee-Roberts who tipped off Tory Central Office about the emotive Labour election broadcast involving his granddaughter, thus setting the stage for one of the noisiest and bloodiest rows of the general election. Jennifer's identity was revealed in The Independent and Faversham's peace was shattered for weeks.

The Bennetts are still blazing at their treatment, as Peter Kellner, former political columnist of The Independent, discovered. Wearing an Independent pass, he breezed over to the pair who were wearing Faversham badges and said: "Ah, Faversham. Whatever happened to the Bennetts?" "We are the Benneus," raged Mrs Bennett, who proceeded to give the startled journalist an ear-bashing.

• From the for-sale column of the Brighton Evening Argus. "Bank-rupt stock of dummies etc. £10 each. Buyer collects". The tele-phone number turns out to be the the Conservative party conference centre in Brighton, where a flood of calls has caused much irritation among the floral print dresses manning the phones.

Out of fizz

LORD HESKETH, the flamboyant government chief whip in the House of Lords, has mounted a provocative challenge for the title of chief party-giver at the Tory party conference in Brighton. Current holder is Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare, whose champagne and shepherd's pie soirées are the talk of the town.

Hesketh, not to be outdone, decided to throw champagne and oys-

seventh floor of the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The peer arrived in Brighton with dozens of crates of champagne from his own cellar. Guests on the first two nights in-cluded John Major, Lord Wakeham, the Heseltines and the Waldegraves, who tucked into copious quantities of lobster and crab

Alas Hesketh proved too good a host. The guests drank every drop of champagne in the suite and as a result the third party had to be cancelled. Unfortunately not everyone got the message. A steady stream of Tory worthies were spotted in the early hours of Friday morning demanding to be let in to a bleary-eved Hesketh's bedenced. eyed Hesketh's bedroom.

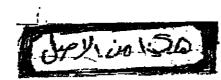
Write stuff

RIVALRY of a similar nature has broken out among the literati in Brighton as political authors fight for sales. Nigel Lawson, whose memoirs. The View from Number 11, are not on sale until November 5, has missed the boat, ceding the edge to his old cabinet rival, Cecil Parkinson, whose Right at the Centre has been keeping the cash registers busy.
Lord Parkinson, signing copies

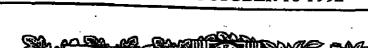
this week, says. What a shame Nigel did not get his book here in time. People can always buy mine instead." But not even he can claim the biggest sales of the week. That honour goes to Caroline Waldegrave's latest offering. Complete Christmas Cookery, which sold out within minutes.

 Sycophant of the week award goes to Charles Moore, deputy editor of The Daily Telegraph. Talking to Norman Lamont at Jeffrey Archer's party, Moore said: "I hope you did not take it personally when I called for your resignation."





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HARD TESTS AHEAD

It was unfair to expect John Major to make a great speech at this year's Tory party

The Chancellor is thus precluded from great speech at this year's Tory party conference. At his oratorical best the prime minister shows warmth of heart; at his worst he has a tongue of lead. He revealed both yesterday as he sought to unify his party after one of the most divisive conferences for

Tory activists dispersed from Brighton in subdued and apprehensive mood. But as Mr Major himself left the Grand Hotel he knew that he had at least won a little breathing space. He had dealt with the problem of Maastricht more sympathetically than had Douglas Hurd, his foreign secretary. The Prime Minister had not dismissed the views of those who oppose the treaty. He had shown some much-needed understanding of how passionately their beliefs are held.

He fought his critics yesterday on their own ground, appealing to their patriotism and stealing one of their most resonant lines. Putting Britain first, he said, means putting it at the heart of Europe. His message was plain: back my judgment or find somebody else.

His great advantage remains that the "Eurosceptics" have nobody else. He deals. cleverly with their representatives in cabinet, leading them to believe that he secretly shares their views, always slightly watering down the policies of the majority. But if the ideals of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have been somewhat diluted, they

One of Mr Major's jokes gave a graphic illustration of the new power balance. He felt comfortable enough with his old rival, Michael Heseltine, to tease him publicly about swinging through the jungle in a loincloth. Mr Heseltine roared with laughter, as well he might. He and Mr Clarke now have Norman Lamont and his economic increasingly hard test.

making the dramatic interest-rate cuts needed for recovery. Economic policy was the hole at the heart of Mr Major's speech. Unlike Mr Lamont, he at least mentioned the word growth, and he spent more time than his Chancellor sympathising with the suffering recession has caused. But he offered nothing more than an attack on red

tape. Bureaucracy is the least of businesses' problems now.

The Prime Minister will be relieved that the conference is behind him. He has survived a rare outbreak of democracy and outspokenness from the Tory party. But the home truths remain true. The government's austere economic policy is likely to condemn the country to continued recession. On the key European issues, the cabinet is representative neither of the views of the party nor of its MPs. Mr Major's determination to press ahead with ratification of Maastricht against the wishes of so many in his government, his party and the country spells bitter trouble ahead.

Nobody came to Brighton to bury Mr Major. Lord Tebbit and Baroness Thatcher feel deeply betrayed by the man they thought they had groomed in their image to lead Britain. But not only have they no alternative candidate, they have no immediate sight of one.

If anyone can unite the Conservatives, it is Mr Major. He won the leadership by convincing both wings of the party that he shared their views. He displays much of the same skill in government. Mr Major is the senior politician with a foot most firmly placed on each side of the European divide. The challenge he faces now is to ensure that the two sides do not move so far apart that even he falls into the crevasse. It will be an

A GREAT GERMAN

Willy Brandt was the German chancellor who knelt in the Warsaw ghetto. For that spontaneous gesture 22 years ago, the statesman who died this week should beremembered with gratitude by the tens of millions of families who suffered at German hands. Brandt, after all, was one of that minority of his countrymen who personally had nothing to atone for he had opposed the Nazi regime as a youth, fled into Norwegian exile, narrowly escaped death when captured in 1940 by posing as a Norwegian, and finally escaped to Sweden. whence he carried on his own war against Hitler as a journalist.

But Brandt did a great deal more than kneel. Although his chancellorship endedignominiously after five years with the Guiliaume spy scandal, post-war Germany bears the imprint of his personality over four decades, from division through to reunification. As governing mayor of West Berlin at the height of the Cold War, Brandt bore the had the threat of a Soviet démarche against the western sectors receded than Brandt was forced to watch impotently as the Wall cut off East from West one wicked August in 1961. Adenauer did nothing for Berlin; Kennedy the "Berliner" was cheered, but did little more. For Brandt, that meant there was no choice but to come to terms with the Soviet Union and, hardest of all, with the police state of Ulbricht and Honecker.

As leader of the opposition Social Democrats in the early 1960s, Brandt began to develop his Ostpolitik, the great master strategy that he was to bequeath to his successors. Ostpolitik did not mean capitulation, as its opponents on the Ger-. man right led by Franz Josef Strauss argued; but neither did it lead rapidly to a normalisation of relations with the East, as its advocates had hoped. After the early

successes - treaties with Russia and Poland which all but recognised the redrawn frontiers of Germany, besides a marginal easing of West Berlin's isolation - progress proved difficult. Honecker demanded a high price for the smallest concessions. The West Germans, especially Brandt's Social Democrats, sometimes failed to observe the distinction between reaching compromises and being compromised.

Brandt was rapidly worn down by the exercise of power after he ended two decades of Christian Democrat rule in 1969. When he resigned, perhaps unnecessarily, in 1974, he was exhausted. But his political career did not end. Brandt busied himself on the world stage with his commission on Third World development and as president of the Socialist International. More importantly, he continued as chairman of the Social Democrats for another 13 years, staving off civil war inside the party he loved. In 1982, caught Democrats committed electoral suicide. Brandt's benign presence filled the vacuum left by Schmidt's fall, but when he retired five years ago, it seemed that Brandt's active role was over.

Then came 1989. Like almost everybody, Brandt had stopped believing that reunification would ever happen. But when the Wall came down, Brandt found himself in his mid-seventies leading the Social Democrat campaign for East Germany's first democratic elections in March 1990. His familiar, craggy features and gravelly voice were reassuring at a time of unprecedented confusion. Although Kohl won that election, the Social Democrats avoided humiliation then and in the first all-German elections later that year, partly due to Brandt. Few elder statesman are so fortunate. Even fewer deserve their good fortune.

LESS WORK, MORE PLAY

The English take their public holidays glumly, after the fashion of their country. Other countries have parades and fireworks and traditional festive menus, from French oysters to turkey with cranberry sauce to the chaste Nordic passion for unsweetened rice pudding with an almond in it. On their bank holidays the English sit in traffic jams on coned-off motorways, seething with frustration in a miasma of drizzle and exhaust fumes, to arrive at dismal destinations where not only the banks, but everything else has shut for the holiday, just in time to turn round and drive home. Even the family festival of Christmas, now largely reduced to an endurance test of over-eating fatty and bland food, over-drinking, and terrible television repeats, is responsible for more attacks by the black dog, marital breakdown and violence to children than any other day in the calendar.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, is preparing a modest change to the British holiday roster, by replacing the May Day holiday with a less controversial celebration. The reason is partly to spread holidays more evenly through the year. At present, when Easter falls late, four of the eight annual holidays in England and Wales are jammed like bank holiday motorists within six weeks during the Spring. The other reason is ideological. May Day, with its connotation of workers of the world uniting with nothing to miss but their demo trains, is now politically incorrect.

The decline from medieval Merrie England to Tailback Motorwayland owes something to the Reformation and the Roundhead revolution, when idleness became a vice. A holiday is originally a holy-day of obligation, on which Roman Catholics are bound to abstain "from servile work". They still manage holidays better in Roman Catholic countries, with a mixture of festival and fun for St James and Corpus Christi. A secular society has no common centre for its holidays, as is provided by Yom Kippur.

One solution to the English difficulty with holidays would be to privatise them. Instead of the statutory public holidays, everybody would become entitled to as many extra days of holiday a year to be taken ad lib, staggered within organisations by negotiation and first come, first let off. This would at least remove the emmet congestion of the public holidays: and with their new interests in package tours, stately homes and skiing, the English have become better at managing their private holidays.

But that would be an individualistic and anti-social system. There is cohesive virtue in everybody having the same day off, whether for the Immaculate Conception or for Labour. The merit of May Day is not the old Socialist rhetoric, but the fact that for one

day most of the world stops working. Britain has fewer holidays than most countries. Increased leisure is the drift of the times and the mark of advancing civilisation. For Shakespeare and St George, 23 April should be a holiday, with a nod to Oliver Cromwell two days later. For Victorian values, the great Queen's coronation was on June 28. An even greater Queen, Elizabeth I, acceded to the throne on November 17, which comes at the dead wasteland of the calendar, when nights are drawing in and nerves are fraying towards the long end of the year. There could even be Maastricht Day - with a special opt-out. This would be on the nearest Wednesday to December 10, so that it could be bridged by days-off-owing to the weekends on either side, giving most of December off. More, not fewer, holidays would make the British better at having a good time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Transfer of powers at heart of Maastricht debate

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, Your editorial of October 7,

calling for a referendum on the

Maastricht treaty, does not put the

case strongly enough. There have, so far, been three referendums in

Britain: on the Northern Ireland

border (1973), the European Community (1975) and devolution (1979).

All of these have been held to be

necessary before the powers of Par-

liament can be transferred. Thus, contrary to the Foreign Secretary's

view, there are persuasive constitu-tional precedents for suggesting that a referendum is required before any

significant portion of Parliament's

powers are transferred. There can be no doubt that Maastricht also involves

it can mobilise the support of the

electorate in the various member

the French referendums is that

Europe can no longer be built solely

through the decisions of elites.

VERNON BOGDANOR.

Brasenose College, Oxford.

Caernarfon (Plaid Cymru)

From Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP for

Sir, Apparently the heads of Euro-

pean governments, discussing the

future of the Maastricht treaty in

Birmingham next week, are to apply

themselves to the concept of sub-

sidiarity — a concept that seems better understood in many continental

European countries than in London.

Decisions that can be taken in

Cardiff, Edinburgh or Belfast should

not be taken on either a UK or

European basis; and if they can be

taken on a local government level, all

"Sovereignty" comes from the people and not from the institution of

Parliament itself. In Wales, as in most

European democracies, that assump-

tion is self-evident; in Westminster -

the sovereign parliament of a people,

not the parliament of a sovereign people — it is a matter of dispute.

The issues of European unity, local

government legitimacy and democ-

racy for Wales, Scotland and North-

ern Ireland — and the regions of England, if they so wish — are inextricably linked with the concept of

subsidiarity. The Conservative government in London should under-

stand this, and build on it in a

European context.

DAFYDD WIGLEY,

House of Commons.

October 6.

the better.

states. The lesson of the Danish and

such a transfer of powers.

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, David Pannick ("An alien legal tradition". October 8) refers to our "widespread ignorance of the nature of the European legal system".

The very different continental attitude to the interpretation of laws and their definition has been, for more than 20 years, at the very heart of my opposition to the transfer of govmmental powers to the Community. We simply cannot tell, at the time of transfer, the extent of the powers transferred; and experience tells us that years later the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg is likely to rule that the transfer was much greater than we intended.

It is plain from the language of the Maastricht treaty, without any purposive interpretation of it, that the proposed new transfer of power is massive. The nature of the drafting makes it almost certain that, if and when the European Court purposively interprets any of its important provisions, its ruling will be that even greater power has been transferred. Pending such rulings, the constant argument will be in anticipation of that attitude and future ruling by the

Subsidiarity as expressed in the proposed new Article 3b raises the same point. For us, seeking to understand exactly what new powers our political masters propose to transfer to the Community, the slovenly and internally inconsistent language

of this provision is truly a nightmare. The European Court, taking, as Mr Pannick puts it, "a broader view of what the orderly development of the Community requires", could - and, if and when it has to consider this Article 3b, almost certainly will decide that this provision is not an obstacle to anything proposed by those who are bent on developing and exercising the overriding govern-mental power of the Community.

Are powers which we have entrusted to our constitutional representatives to be transferred to the government of a different polity? Can our representatives conscientiously do that without even being able to tell us exactly what powers are to be transferred? The case for definition and precision before the new transfer is made is irresistible.

This cannot sensibly or properly be achieved in the frenzy of midnight debate at another summit. It needs presentation to us, with plenty of time for our orderly and informed consideration of whatever is proposed.

Structure for schools

From Professor Ronald Davie

the structure is crucial.

depends critically on a range of support services available to schools as

well as on an effective, properly

resourced system within each school.

For children with more complex

difficulties, a special school or unit for

some or all their time may be needed.

Therefore, the hallmark of good provision for this group of some 20

per cent of the school population is a

continuum of flexible arrangements

from special school to mainstream

school, with varying degrees and

types of support for pupil and teacher.

Such provision needs strategic plan-

ning and clear structures at area level.

At present Mr Patten's white paper gives no indication as to how this

planning will be effected and there is

widespread unease, even alarm,

amongst professional groups, parents

and voluntary bodies in this field. For

the most vulnerable children in our

schools his proposals could at best be high risk and at worst disastrous.

(President, National Association for

Special Edcuational Needs).

Boer War martyr

From Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Sir, This decade sees the centenary of

the Anglo-Boer war of 1899-1902.

Thousands of lives were lost, includ-

ing those of many black people who

One notable victim was a Coloured

artisan, Abraham Esau, who assisted

the operations of British regiments

such as the Scots Fusiliers, the East

Surreys and the 5th Lancers in the

north western region of the then Cape

Colony. In February 1901 he was

executed as a British collaborator by

The Coloured population of his

village of Calvinia made him into a

martyr, and shortly after the war an

Abraham Esau Memorial Chapel

was erected as part of the Anglican

became caught up in hostilities.

Yours faithfully,

and others

Boer guerrillas.

RONALD DAVIE

3 Grange Grove, N1.

LEOLIN PRICE, 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. October 8.

Criminal Justice Act From His Honour Judge Michael Mettyear

Sir, I would question the concluding implication of your leader on Mr Patten's education plans (September 29) that the detail of the proposed Sir, According to the Director of Nacro, in her letter supporting the new Criminal Justice Act (October 3), bureaucratic structure for schools is of "a recent Home Office research study less importance to pupils than is the found that in the case of theft of value restoration of pride to state schools. I under £200, 39 per cent of offenders received immediate custodial sendo not deny the value of this latter; but for a substantial minority of children, tences". I believe that the study those with special educational needs, referred to was published in 1988. and that it was based upon 1986 The successful integration of such children within mainstream schools

This is by no means "recent" in the context of the rapidly changing world of sentencing policy. More im-portantly, the Nacro argument ig-

Provence interlude

Sir. If Peter Mayle was more in touch with the community from which he has made his fortune, he might have heard that Jeffrey Kime, whom he attacked along with me in his interview with Valerie Grove in Life &

From Mr Paul Eddy

Times today (October 9) is dead. Since Jeffrey was only 42, and since his death was entirely unexpected, the village was deeply shocked. Mr Mayle's readers may be surprised to learn that the "Le Pen-supporting café proprietor", the "spasmodic" baker, and many of the other characters he so grotesquely parodied in A Year in Provence have gone to some trouble to express their sympathy to Jeffrey's widow and their two young children.

Yours faithfully, PAUL EDDY Rue du Portail Neuf. 84560 Ménerbes, France.

Mission Church. It both symbolised local resistance to Afrikaner conquest and preserved the memory of Abra-

ham Esau through this century.

In the 1970s the chapel and its land fell victim to South Africa's notorious group areas racial zoning, and it was demolished. But its legacy lived on. This year, after learning of the full significance of the chapel land, the present white owner followed his moral instincts and decided freely to return the land to the Anglican Church and the community of Calvinia. A condition was that the Abraham Esau Memorial Chapel be

rebuilt on its rightful soil.
In June this historical and emotive act of restitution was commemorated at a public thanksgiving service at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, and efforts are now in hand to obtain the necessary funds and expertise to rebuild the chapel before the cen-

that miserable xenophobic cast of mind which would isolate human cultures from each other, generating the fear and hatred that inevitably leads to further horrifying wars.

They are the echoes among us of

From Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM

Sir, I find it ominous that the anti-

Maastricht group in England -

mainly, it would appear, composed of the young — whilst shouting catch-words of independence, sovereignty and contempt for the concept of

European coordination, fail to see

themselves as the unwitting voices of

that European backlash - the British

equivalent of Le Pen — and all the neo-nazi movements of Austria, Ger-

many, Belgium and other countries.

Greater Europe, with which we are bound by our geography, is now indisputably the unit. It provides the I write as someone who would vote 'yes" in a referendum. But the process richest variety of cultures, climates, of European union will only succeed if languages, and landscapes: and it offers us the real sense of belonging to the most wonderful peninsula in the world, wherein the music of many voices and the evaluation of democracy have flourished as nowhere else.

Faithfully yours, YEHUDI MENUHIN, 110 Gloucester Avenue, NW1.

From Sir Gilbert Longden

Sir, The Foreign Secretary told the Tory conference on October 6 that the government is considering making available to the public a short booklet explaining the Mastricht treaty; some would say not before time.

May I suggest that such a booklet should spell out the meaning of "subsidiarity" by publishing a list of every issue which is to be permanently excluded from the jurisdiction of the European Commission and Court, simultaneously pledging that the list can only be altered by a unanimous vote of all member states.

GILBERT LONGDEN. 89 Cornwall Gardens, SW7.

From Mr Michael Shrimpton Sir, Having publicly declared his support for the overthrow of the

Crown, Professor Stephen Haseler (letter, September 30) might, with respect, derive some profit from a close reading of the law on sedition.

It is erroneous to criticise the House of Lords as undemocratic. From the time of Magna Carta barons have acted as a bulwark against tyranny. Under the constitution the House of Lords would be entitled absolutely to reject Maastricht it is what it is there

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SHRIMPTON, 2 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

nores the explanations for such sentences given in the study. These include the facts that the offence was committed in breach of a suspended sentence, or was a serious breach of trust, such as the theft of mail by a postman, or that the offender refused

to co-operate in the composition of

any other form of sentence. Sentences of imprisonment for straightforward petty dishonesty are inappropriate, irrespective of the new Act. Such sentences would be contrary to existing guidelines cases and struck down by the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL K. METTYEAR, Sheffield Crown Court, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

A tenpenny lion

From Mr E. W. Brown

Sir, To replace the "awful camp lion" on the ten-pence piece that so offends Norroy and Ulster King of Arms (letter, October 2), the Royal Mint need look no further than the old shilling. It has two choices: the version bearing the three lions couchant of England (originally leopards, I believe) or the version bearing the lion rampant of Scotland. That truly is a "grand and virile beast", after Mr Brooke-Little's heart.

Indeed, given that the summit at the end of the UK's presidency of the EC is to be held in Edinburgh, the Scottish lion would also have been a more fitting symbol than the tame pussycat that is being used to symbolise Britain.

Yours faithfully, E. W. BROWN, 6 Tipton Drive, Croydon, Surrey.

dom. This act of renewal will mark both consciousness and understanding of past wounds and affirm an alternative present of a common South African humanity.

tenary of Abraham Esau's martyr-

Yours sincerely, DESMOND CAPE TOWN. AUSTEN WESLEY JACKSON (Rector, Parish of Calvinia), BILL NASSON (Department of History, University of Cape Town). Bishopscourt. Claremont, Cape 7700, South Africa

Weekend money, page 24

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

Tinker, tailor and other plum jobs

Sir, Mr F. J. Stevenson (letter,

From Mr S. W. Wainman

October 1) must have had a slightly unexciting childhood with his plum stones. Some of us were fortunate enough to grow up with: "Soldier brave, Sailor true, Skilled physician, Oxford blue, Saintly bishop, Squire so hale, Gouty nobleman, Curate pale". One need only to remember the Falklands and Iraq to realise the first two are still with us. A few minutes outside the Athenaeum in Pall Mall after lunch will identify many bishops and curates, and a short walk to St James's Street should reward the observant with a selection of squires and noblemen leaving their clubs to

our medical profession or the abilities of our university sportsmen. This rhyme will see us safely into the next century.

return to the shires. No comment is

needed from me on either the skills of

Yours faithfully, SIMON WAINMAN, Upper Ashe House, Ashe, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

From Mrs Bridget Whinney

Sir, When I was a child counting plum stones etc. an alternative to "Tinker, tailor" was "Army, Navy, Medicine, Church, Architect, Lawyer, Left in the lurch".

BRIDGET WHINNEY, Lentune Ford, Walhampton, Lymington, Hampshire

From Miss Felicity Trotman

Sir, An alternative rhyme which can be recited over marshalled plum stones on a plate runs: "Army, Navy, Medicine, Law, Church, Bank, Nothing at all." This suits a classless society; it is less male charvinistic and sex-discriminatory, and might one day include women priests.

Yours faithfully. FELICITY TROTMAN, Downside, Chicklade, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mrs Denis Sole Sir, As a child in the Thirties and

Forties, I was brought up on "Church, Bar, Sea, Sword, Squire, Artist, Doctor, Lord".

Yours faithfully, SUSAN SOLÉ. The Old Vicarage, Bodenham, Herefordshire.

From Mrs Anne Digby

Sir. To commemorate the 1992 sterling crisis: "Banker, Teller, Floater, Seller, Rich man, Poor man, Middleman, Thief'.

Yours faithfully, ANNE DIGBY, Coombe House, Holwell, Sherborne, Dorset,

From Mr A. E. Pearce Sir. In view of the parlous state of the economy, and the construction in-dustry in particular: "Builder, Banker, Debtor, Bailiff, Lawyer, Bankrupt,

Receiver, Parson". I remain, yours sincerely, ANTONY PEARCE, Anchor Court, 52A Chapel Street, Penzance, Cornwall.

From Mr Peter J. Beer

Sir. The prevalence of co-habitation suggests another recitation over the plum stones ripe for revision: "Not this year. Not next year, Sometime?. Never".

Yours faithfully, PETER J. BEER. 2 Hill Cottages, Reepham, Nr Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Malcolm Lawson-Paul Sir, Liquidator, Legislator, Fornicator, Agitator, Mediaperson, Europerson, Spokesperson, Nonperson.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM LAWSON-PAUL, 111 Saint Pancras, Chichester, West Sussex

From Mr B. R. Barnfield Sir, Worker, Winger, Soap-star, Singer, Duchess, Repossessed, Chan-

Yours faithfully, B. R. BARNFIELD, 12 Westbourne Crescent, W2.

From Mr K. E. Martin

Sir, Dealer, Broker, Salesman, Joker, Lloyds' Name, Bankrupt, Medicant, Morally Disadvantaged Person. Yours faithfully,

K. E. MARTIN, Meadowbank, Bagthrope Road, East Rudham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

Sir, Social worker. Dole queue

From Dr Philip Roe

shirker, Acrobat, Bureaucrat, Diplomat, Spy. Yours etc.

PHILIP ROE, 157 Verulam Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr David Seekings

Sir, How about "Accountant, Taxman, Lloyd's, QC, Now there's nothing left for me"?

Yours faithfully, DAVID SEEKINGS, Fairfield, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Forthcoming



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 9: The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, formerly Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Dr Michael Brock.
The Duke of York was represented by Captain Neil Blair RN.
The Prince Edward was represented by Light sented by Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mather.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 9: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this morning opened the Dental School Extension and Day Surgery Centre in the Arthur Levin Building, King's College, London exe

Her Royal Highness, President, Council for National Academic Awards, attended the Academic Awards Ceremony at Grosvenor House, London W1. Mrs Malcolm Innes was in

The Princess Royal was represented by the Right Reverend Michael Mann at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallian, formerly Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, CLARENCE HOUSE

October 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by

Sir Martin Gilliat at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 9: The Prince and Prin-Cess of Wales were represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Ad-miral Sir David Hallifax, formerly Constable and Governor, Windson Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 9: The Princess Margaret Counters of Snowdon was repre-sented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

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Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir John Cassels, former director-general, NEDO, 64; Mr Winston S. Churchill, M.P. 52; Mr Charles Dance, actor. 46; Miss Laura Davies, golfer, 29; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 57; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 77; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 58; Lord Kincraig, 74; Professor J.B. Large, professor of applied acoustics, 62; professor of appared actor. 59; Mr Mr Daniel Massey, actor. 59; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 64; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 62; Dr Brian Smith, master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 59; the Earl of Stockton, 49; Mr Chris Tarrant, broadcaster, 46: Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP. 85; Mr G.F.M.P. Thompson, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 82: Thomas Wheare, beadm Bryanston School, 48.

Mr Richard Thornton, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, 70; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 39. TOMORROW: Sir Godfrey Ag-new, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 79: Mr D.K. Baxandall, former director, National Galleries of Scotland, 87; Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 60: Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 53; the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 61; Mr Bobby Charlton, footballer, 55; Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, 55: Miss

Valerie Cumming, deputy director. Museum of London, 46; Sir Timothy Daunt, diplomat, 57; Sir Michael Edwardes, former chair-man, British Leyland, 62; Miss Dawn French, actress and comedienne, 35: Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 78; Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, ICI, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh. 73: Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 45: Major-General F.J.C. Piggott, 82; Lord Prior. 65; Dame Diana Reader Harris, former headmistress. Sherborne School for Girls, 80; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 44; Dame Paddy Ridsdale. 71; Air Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 54; Lord Tordoff, 64; Mr

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the NFYFC competitions day at the YFC Centre, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, at 10.00.



Just dropping in: Tusker, a model African elephant, is winched down into Trafalgar Square by the Royal Corps of Transport, Territorial Army, to mark the start of the British tour of Mowgli-L'enfant loup, a French version of Kipling's Jungle Book. Tusker, built by the artist Emma Dobson, will be going on tour with the show

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius, theologism, Oudewater, The Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine Waneau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, riance, 1004; rienry Cavenoisi, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; John Abertrombie, physician, Aberdeen, 1780; Hugh Miller, reclosist, Crompage, 1802; geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon, pathologist and sanitary reformer, London, 1816; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony, 1825; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21. Viceroy of India 1921-26. London, 1860: Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Freen, Norway, 1861; William Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877; Alberto Giacometti, painter and sculptor, Stampa, Switzerland, 1901.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", 1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dublin, 1783; François Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Paris, 1837: Edouard Daladier. Premier of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner, New York, 1985.

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BIRTHS: Samuel Clarke, theologian, Norwich, 1675: James Barry, historical painter, Cork, 1741: Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany. 1758; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Sheffield. 1799; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of The Times 1841-1877, London, 1817; Sir George Williams, founder of the YMCA, Dulverton, Somerset, 1821; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, Penn-sylvania, 1844; François Mauriac, novelist, Nobel laureate 1952, Bordeaux, 1885.

DEATHS: Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer, killed in banle, Kappel, Switzerland, 1531; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder, poet. Sherborne, Dorset, 1542; Meriwether Lewis, explorer in NW America, Nashville, Tennessee. 1809; Samuel Wesley, musician, London, 1837; James Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner, composer, Vienna, 1896: Henry Broadhurst, trades unionist, Cromer, 1911; Jean Fabre, entomologist, Serignan-du-Comtat, 1915; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Rueil-la-Gadeliere, 1958; "Chico" Marx, actor, Hollywood, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter actor and film director, Milly-la-Foret, 1963; Edith Piaf, singer, Paris, 1963; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of *The Times*, London, 1967.

The German mark dropped to 10,000 million to the £, 1923.

Memorial services

Admiral Sir David Hallifar The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, the Duke of Edinburgh by Dr Michael Brock and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax held yesterday in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Wales were represented by Mar-shal of the RAF Sir John Grandy,

The Prince and Princess of the Duke of York by Captain Neil Blair, RN, Prince Edward by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Mather, the Princess Royal by the Right Rev Michael Mann, Princess Mar-garet by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Commander Roger Walker and Princess Alexandra by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier.

The Dean of Windsor officiated and Canon John White, precentor, led the prayers. Mr Tom Hallifax, son, read the lesson and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach gave an address. The Bishop of Win-chester pronounced the blessing. The Military Knights of Windsor

were in attendance.
The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire was represented by the Hon Lady Palmer and the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead atventasin and visitation represent included: lady Hallitax (victow), Miss Leuisa Hallitax (daughter), Mr and Mrz Michael Sword and Mr and Mrs Milliam Berryon Crothers-in-law and sisters), Mr and Isro R Blattston-Houston and Mr and Mrs C Douglas-Menzies (brothers-in-law and sissers-in-law), Mrs G Bowan-Hamilton and Mrs M Halme sisters-in-sev), Mr and Mrs Robert Sword, Mr David Sword, Mr and Mrs E Benyon, Mrs M Beardmore-Gny, Mrs and Mrs F Benyon, Mrs M Beardmore-Gny, Mr and Mrs F Haig, Mrs T Riall, Mrs and Mrs B Samuel, Miss H Ben-Shaw, Miss S Gleinile, Mr M VanderStegen-Drake, Mr J Powedinal-Borroles.

Mr and Mrs F Haig. Mrs T Riall. Mrs and Mrs B Sammel. Miss B Best-Shaw, Miss S Gleindle, Mr M Vanderstegen-Drake, Mr J Donglas-Nierzies.

The Duke of Norfolk RG, and the Duches of Norfolk RG, and the Duches of Norfolk RG. And the Duches of Pike Pied Marshal Lord Bramsil. EG. Lord and Lady Howard de Walden, Lord soci Lady Napier and Enrick Lord and Lady St Heiens, Sir Robert Peliowes, Sir Beward and Lady Dy Cann. Lady Frances Harmer, Lady Sylvia Maliky, the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Assheson, the Hon J H R Manners, the Hon Mrs A Housson, vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Hill-Norton, Sir Michael and Lady Colman, Sir George Earle, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James and Lady Staveley, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Amore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Amore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Amore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Amore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Amore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Harphel Sir Hames Hamer James Balet Harphel Sir Lady Astmore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir William and Lady Staveley, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Fleid Marshal Sir Nigel and Lady Bagnall, Admiral Sir Desmond and Lady Dreyer, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Admiral Sir Julian and

Lady Oswald, Admirai Sir William (Hars. Admirai Sir Vockard Lady Staner, Admirai Sir Jock and Lady Staner, Admirai Sir Richard and Lady Herbert, Admirai Sir Richard and Lady Thomas, Admirai Sir Desmond and Lady Williams, Admirai Sir Desmond and Lady Cassidi, Admirai Sir Desmond and Lady Cassidi, Admirai Sir Desmond and Lady Cassidi, Admirai Sir Josephan (Han Lady Wurstey, General Sir James Glover, Vec-Admirai Sir John and Lady Dallian, Vice-Admirai Sir John and Lady Rallies, Vice-Admirai Sir James and Lady Bethon, Pilos Admirai Sir Stephen and Lady Bethon, Rear-Admirai Sir Jamion, Rear-Admirai Sir Ja

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Mr and Mrs A Calger-Smith, Mr G Darling, QC, and Mrs Darling, Mrs P A Downward, Mr I L, Davies, Mr N Halliba, Mrs J Hemerson, Mrs M A Motion, Mrs P R Mitchell, Mrs D M Stanesty, Camon and Mrs E R Stapies and representatives of the Windsor branch of the Reyal Naval Association, the Society of Private art St Windsor branch of the Reyal Naval Association, the Society of Friends of St. George's Chapel, the Eritish Limbless Ex-Servicement's Association, the Portobetho Association, the League of Friends of Kings Edward VITS Hospital for Officers, the Scott Association, St. George's School Old Boys Club. Windsor Rose and Hortlenhund Society, Friends of Winnesser Cuttostal, Licyds Bank, the Carpenter's Company, the Victoria Lagues for Commonwealth Friendship and the Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

Mr Malcolm Annon A service of thanksgiving for the life of Malcolm Allinson Anson

was held yesterday in The Chapel, Clifton College, Bristol. The Rev James Dickie officiated and prayers were led by the Rev Canon Christopher Pilkington. Sir John Wills, Bt. Lord Lieutenast of Avon, gave the address, and lessons were read by Mr Sandy Anson and Mr Roderick Anson, sons.

marriages nd Miss J.K. Ranner The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of

New York

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Scotland. Mr H.D.E. Scott

Mr S. Sha

and Dr E.J. Price

Price, of Carwe, Dyfed.

Mr S.L. Notley and Miss H.L. Gulinnan

Marriages

and Miss C.R. Maddick

and Dr M.G. Mackinlay

Mr Andrew Johnston and Mrs Christine Johnston, of London,

NW3, and Juliana. Gaughter of

Mrs Lois Rouner, of Manhattan

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Hugh Madeod, of Fearn,

Ross shire, Scotland, and Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Mackinlay, of Bearsden, Glasgow.

The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Sir

Anthony and Lady Scott, of London, and Ruth, edger daughter

of Mr D. Maddick and Mrs E.

Roberts, of Auckland, New Zealand.

The engagement is announced between Saleem, son of Mr and

Mrs F.D. Sharmash, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, September 12, at Christ Church, Llanwarne, Hereford-

shire, of Mr Sean Noticy, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Noticy, of

Hunston, Suffolk, to Miss Helen

Gulliman, daughter of Mr S.N.
Gulliman, of Amersham,
Buckinghamshire and Mrs J.P.
Jolley, of Lianwarne,

The bride was given away by her father and amended by Miss Christine Beath, Miss Sarah Knight, Miss Suzanne Jolley and Abigail Astronom. Mr Lan Notley was best man.

The marriage sook place on October 3, 1992, at St Mewan Church, St Austell, Cornwall, between

Richard John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Truscott, of Grampound Road, Truso, and

Josephine Carriona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David P. Blight.

Mr T.G.C. Becker and Miss P.M.K. Smallbose

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs B.G.C. Becker, of Copper's Hill, Burwash, East Sussex. and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.K. Smallbone, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr S.S. Beedle and Miss J.L. Horsfall The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Beedle, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P.

Horsfall, of Little Hadham, Herdordshire. Mr P.H. Cothier

and Mins A. Lette The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of Docteur and Mme Jean-Marie Cothier, of Angouleme, France, and Gigi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Letts, of Holland Park Avenue.

Mr R.J.M. Edwards and Miss J.M. Cobb

The engagement is announced between Roger, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Edwards, of North Chideock, Donset, and Jen-nifer, daughter of Mr H. Cobb and the late Mrs C. Cobb. of Lichard Community Liskeard, Comwall.

Mr R.J. Gnedde and Miss K.J. White

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Drury Gnodde, of Johannes-burg, South Africa, and Kara, eldest daughter of Mr Raymond White and Mrs Valerie Thomas, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr A.J. Gordon and Miss A.M. Mond Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Andrew Joseph, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Gordon, of Glasgow, to Alison Margaret, only daughter of Mrs Margaret Messi and the late Mr Alan Mead, of

and Miss J.A. Look

The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of Surgeon Captain and Mrs John Soul, of Trevenevow, Yelverson, Devon, and Julie-Arm, daughter of Mr William Look, of Bedey, Kent and Mrs Rhoda Look, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Service dinners

Navigating and Direction.

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, was the guest of honour at the

annual dinner of the Officers of the

Navigating and Direction branch of the Royal Navy held last night in

HMS Dryad. Admiral Sir John Ker presided. Among those

Reyal Corps of Signals Major-General A. Yeoman pre-

sided at the annual dinner of the

Royal Corps of Signals held last night at the Western Club, Glas-

gow. Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, at-

Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos

Blair presided at the annual regi-

Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) held last night at the

Culloden House Hotel, Inverness.

Minerva Society
Group Captain S.M. Williamson-

Noble presided at the annual dinner of the Minerva Society held

last night at RAF Henlow. Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness was the

guest of honour. Air Manshal Sir Michael Akock and Air Vice-Marshal D.R. French were among

mental dinner of the Queen's O

tended.

Queen's Own Highla

of Sticker, St Austell, formerly of Edinburgh.

Mr R.J. Trescott

and Miss C.M. Blight

Luncheon Danish-UK Chamber of

Mr Ralph Land was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Danish Chib. Mr. James G. Davis, chairman, was host and Sir Ronald McIntosh also spoke.

present were:
Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, ViceAdmiral Sir David Chinerbook, Sir ImBoog and Sir Peter Buchasan: RestAdmirals Sir Hugh Pasion, A J Cooke and
D M Edwisty-Masile, and the Captains
of HMS Dryad and HMS Merrany. Fuellers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fuellers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr John A. Boddy, Senior Warden, Dr Paul W. Glover, Junior Waroen, mi william M. Pybus.

Holborn Law Society

The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr D.E. Long, Vicepresidents, Mr J.H. Lewis and Mr A.F. Whitehead; Hon Treasurer, Miss J.D. Dollimore; Joint Hon Secretaries, Mr J.M. Davies and Mr U.W. Bankes.

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Appointment

George Edward Cawdron to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the North East London Com-mission Area, based at Newham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BIRTHS

BUDD - On October 8th at the

CAMERON - On October 7th at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Anthony and Fave, a sister for Olivia. FOULKES - On October 9th 1992, to Susan and Hilary, a daughter, Elisabeth Cady, a sister for Caroline and Samuel. FUEST - On October 6th, to

Carolyn inée Humphreysi and David, lwin sons, George and Arthur

GULLIFER - On October 9th. to Louise (née Edwards) and Robert, a daughter, Henrietta Louise, a sister for Emma. PEARCE - On October 7th 1992. al The Portland Hospital, to Virguia (nee Miller) and Gareth, a daughter, Davina Constance, a sister to Lucy and Emma.

SHANKLIN - On October 4th, to Liz (nee Calloway) and Simon. a dear daughter. Philippa Katte, a sister and allbi for Alexander.

RUBY **ANNIVERSARIES**

BRETT:CONNER - On October 11th 1962 at St Nicolas Parish Church, Numeaton, Richard Templeton to Barbara Joan.

DEATHS

BRISELDEN - On October 9th. Marion Amy Chick they Young after a short litness. In her 90th year. Dearly losed wife of the late Frank, mother of Betty and Tony, sister of John and the late Geoff, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at West Heris Cremation at West Heris Cremation and Grandmother. The Cremation of the Heris Cremation at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to South West Herts Hospice Appeal, 174 High Street. Watford, WDI 2EG. COLERIDGE - On October Sta COLERIOGE - On October 6th 1992, peacefully at Suddon House. Wincanton. Dora Lovelace aged 81 years. Funeral Service at St. Peter's Church. Shaftesbury. on Tuesday October 13th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donaltons if decired to Save the Chuldren Fund. Mary Datchelor House. 17 Grove Lane. London SEG 8AD or The British Red Cross Society. 14/15 Gross-mor Crescent.

DEATHS

DUKE - On October 8th in a nursing home in Wells, Maud Mary Isabella. aged 96. widow of Capitaln M.V. Duke, Royal Navy, and a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private family cremation. No flowers, please.

EWART-BIGGS - On October 8th. Baroness Llane) Ewart-Biggs. In Charing Cross Hospital. Funeral Service privale. Donations. If desired. to The Ewart-Biggs Fund c/o The Secretary. 63A Abingdon Villes. London W8 6XA for distribution to her favourile charities. A Memorati

charities. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. HOUSELEY - On October 6th HOUSELEY - On October 6th 1992, suddenly at home. Pullip John, dear husband of Christine and faiher of Andrew. William, Maithew and Jonatham. Funeral Service will be held at St. Thomas Roman Cathotic Church, New Brighton Road. Emsworth, on Thursday October 15th at 11 am, followed by interment all Wardington Cemetery. Family flowers only please, Donations to R.N.L.J. or Amaesly international c/o Carrells Funeral Service, 4 Town Hall Road, Havani, Hants. PO9 1AN.

JOSEPH - On Wednesday October 7th 1992, peacefulty at The Jeanne Jugan Residence, Brother Ewin Joseph, aged 85, former Headmaster of De La Salie

LE HURAY - On Wednesday October 7th 1992: peacefully at home. Peler. dearly loved husband of Bridget and devoted father of Sarah and Martin. Funeral Service at Spm on Wednesday October 14th at St Cathartne's College. Cambridge. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers for The Marte Curte Memorial Foundation or Cancer Research. may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service. 4 Harshel Court. Cambridge CB1 4UB. LE HURAY - On Wedpesday

MARSHALL - On October 9th
1992. In Hamilton, Ontario,
peacefully after a brief
iliness, aged 65 years,
Reverend David William
Marshall, Dearth beloved
husband of Lucia and much
loved father of Christopher,
Pattl and Rosallind. Brother
of John and Margaret.

McCAUGHEY On September 24th, in Brisbane, Australia, Stephen Paul, son of the late Jim McCaughey, treasured husband of Clenda.

OLDRIDGE - On Ociober Sin
1992. Mary Oldridge.
always known as Molly.
widow of the late Kennem
w.J. Oldridge. peacefully in
her sleep at Alibiasiers Nursing Home in Horsham. West
Sussex. Funeral Service and
cremation at Guildford Crematorium. New Pond Road.
Godalming. on Thursday
October 15th at 12 noon.
Flowers to Pimm's Funeral
Services, Dorset House. High
Street. Cranleigh, Surrey.
lei: (0483) 274079.

PINE-COFFIN - On Octob 7th, Richard S. Funeral Ma

BOWSELL - On October 8th, suddenty, And. beloved wife of Cohn at Lagganmullan. Gatehouse of Fleet. Funeral 11.30 am. Monday October 12th at St Marys Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet

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Tel: 071 481 4000 Fax: 071 481 9313

BOOKING DEADLINES: ANNOUNCEMENTS: 5.00pm day prior PERSONAL 5.30pm 2 days prior. Please have a major credit eard ready when placing your notice as prepayment is required.

DEATHS

7th. Richard S. Funeral Mass al Ali Salnis Church. Chichele Road. Oxfed. Surrey. on Thursday October 18th at 11 am. No flowers. Donalions if desired to Oxfed and Limpsfield Hospital or Oxfed Third World Group.

ROBSON - On October Sin 1992, peacefully at home, Lawfence Fendick, dearly loved by his wife Lorna, his children Bridget, Michael and John and by Annelle and his grandchildren. Service at the Parish Church. Thornion-le-Dale, at II am on Tuesday October 13th. Family flowers only please. Donallons if desired to

& PERSONAL NOTICES

We accept ACCESS, AMEX, DINERS and VISA.

TRUSTEE ACTS

HARVEY - Edgar Thomas.
C.B.E.. October 11th 1979
Our untailing love and our grallinde for all the happy memories. Helen & Jeremy.
HERHICK - Remembering with love and gralitude Roy, on this fourth anniversary of his death on 11th October 1988. "No other star has ever shone for me". T.
RICHARDSOM - Ser Painh RICHARDSON Sir Raipt 1902-1983. Ever treasured and ever most dearly loved TRUSTEE ACTS

BAILEY CLAUP WILSON late of

McALLIFFE. LEO CHRISTO PREER of 46 Welford Read, Dat witch, London SEZE (Dat) witch, London SEZE (Dat) 28th Auril 1992 Particulars is ROWE & MAW Solicitors of 25 Blackfrians Lave, London ECA 6HD (RCI288/149/24492/0001, before 11th December 1992.

WORD WATCHING

Auswers from page 16 GOOGOL

(b) A functed name (not in formal me) for ten raised to the hundredth power: "The name googol was invested by a child aged nine who was asked to think up a name for a very big number, namely, I with a hundred zeros after it. At the same time that he suggested a googol, he gave a mane for a still larger number, 'googolplex'."

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(c) The accessories to a picture, a pseudo-French formation after the German stufficted to fit out or garaish: "The staffage of some of Piranesa's duliest subjects discloses an irrepressible instinct for life." (a) To trifle or potter or waste time, to talk or act fooliship, of obscure origin: "Now really, Settee, do not try to footic like this."

(b) One who carries a key, a caretaker, from the Latin clavinger someone carrying a key or a club: "The great clavinger of heaven, which hath the key of David."

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 NC 9 30 S
Euch (Our Lady Undercroft; 9 30 M; 11 S
Euch, Missa Pestiva (Peners), Tantum
ergo (Durufid; Rev 5 Van Culin; ; 2.15
Holy Baptism; 3.15 Canterbory Pestival
Evensorie, Ave Marin (Pectez), Responses
(Hendrie and Durufil), Collegium Regale
(Howells), Cantique de Jean Racine
(Paurèt: 5.30 Organ recital.
Voire MINESTER: 8 8 45 HC; 10 S Buch. TUWER OF LONDON, ECS: 9,13 Inc. 11 M & Sermon (Harvest Resulval), Responses (Reading), To Deum (Britten in N), Benedictus, My Beloved Spake (Hadley). PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE STREET, ECA: 2.30 HC, 11.15 MP. Awake my soul Macchesson, Responses (Ayleward, Te Deum Landamus (Theiber-Beil in B find, Juhliste Deo (Theiber-Beil in B find, Insanse et vanse curie (Haydn). The Master. ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC 11 M . Rev A T R Goode: 12.15 HC.

PRINTERS ABBEY: 8 HC 10 & Buch, Miss brevis Marzard, Rev L. Carbeny, 11.30 M. Responses Myseward, Stanford in 8 Bat. 2 North Youtshire Gild Guider Service: 4 R. Jackson in G. Bty heart is inclining Handell, Cann J Toy; 5 York Ecumenical Justic and Peace Service: 3T PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M. Te Deum (Leighton), Jubilate (Fritten in S. Bad, Bi Rev and Ri Hon Dr D Hope; 11.30 HC, Missa brevis (Mozard, Are Verum corpus (Byrd); 3.15 E. E. W. Naylori in A. Greazer fow (Ireland), Ven G Cassidy, WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Respondes (Leighton), Reily In C. Glorious and powerful God (Wood), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Bach. Schubert in G (Blaris Holy Ench), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abby Bach. Schubert in G (Blaris Holy Ench), Canon D Gray; 3 Canon P Betes. CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampon Court Palace 8 30 HC 11 M. Farrant in A minor, Gorda in excess Dec (Westlags; 3.30 S. Teach me. O Land (Byrd), Westlass Pinst Service, Blessing, glory and wisdom (Wagner). ALL BALLOWS BY THIS TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delancy. ALL SAINTIS, Margarit Street, Wi. 2 & 5.15 LM: 11 HM, Missa Solemais in C (Mozard, Hymn of the Chembirn, Eev Canon C E Berwick 6 E & R. The Magdalen Service (Leighton), For its shall give his angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn), Rev C L Genke.

ALL SOULS, Languam Place, WI: II Communion Service, Preb R Bewes: 6.30 Mr D Turner. Bries.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDHAL: 9 HC 11
Ench, Fre-part mass (Byrd), and 1 saw a
new heaven (Bairson). Ubi carties
(Durudé), Canon R white: 3 E. Collegium
Regale (Wood in F. Let all the world
(Waughan Williams), The Provos. CHELSRA OLD CHURCH, Chayne Walk, 5W3: 8 & 12 HC (1662); 10 Children Scryler II M (Ref P Elvy); 6 Harvest Evensons, Ref F Elvy. (VAUGARIA WILLIAM), The Provost,
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7,
8, 9, 12, 5,30 & 7; 10,30 Sas, Missa Vidi
speciosam (Victoria), Paire is the heaven
[Harris], Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Pière
d'Orgne D & Bachi, 10 MP; 230 Organ
recitai; 3,30 Solemn V & B, Magnifica;
primi toni (Lassist), O quam susvis est
(Lobo), Suite du Zeme ton (Guilain). CHRIST CHURCH, CHRISEA, SWA: 8 HC. 11 S Euch, Setting (Oxley), O sweet and blessed country (Holst art Oxley), Rev N Vigers. GROSVÉNOR CHAPEL South Andley Street: 11 S Euch. Missa Spent in alium (Palestrina), O crus spiendidor (Pufilips), Rev Preb J B Gashell. ST GEORGE'S CATREDRAL Southwark-6pm LM (Sut; 8, 10 (Children's service), 6 LM: 11.30 HM, Missa brevis (Lott), Cantage Domino (Hassier), Very Rev Canon I P Panner: 7.30 Cafod Vigil. HOLF TRINITY SROMPTON. Brompton Road, SW7:9 HC, Mr & Costs; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's church), Mr J Jennings; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev 5 Miliar, CREEK ORTHODOK CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, MOSCOW Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy. HOLY TRINGTY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Enganore Gdns, SW7: 1030 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA. Lancister Rd, W11: 10.30 DWINE LINING. THE CHAPEL ROTAL, St. Jumes's Prince: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP, I was gind (PARY). Camm M A Moston. ST ALBANS, Brooks St. 201; 9:30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydo), Rev R Mottis; 5:30 LM. ST BANTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, ECI: 9 HC, 13 M, Carston Short Service, Call to remainfaince Partant, Rev & Women 6.30 E, the Bendy, ROYAL HOSPITAL Cheisea, SW3: II M. I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Sancie Deus (Tallis), Prelude in C mirror U 5 Bach), Rev T Hinsy. STIFFAM, New AMERICO 3.0 E. The Rector.
STIFFAM STIFFA QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC1: 11 M, Te Deum (Stanford in Cl. Zadok the Priest (Handel), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, S510: 11 S Ench. Let Thy Merciful Ears (Mudd). O Tasse and Sea (Goss), The Chaptain. ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Buch: 6.30 EF, Fr M Day,

CHARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, 5W1: 11 M. O Lord, Increase my fain (Gibbons), Remedictus: Riessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Eev K. R. Joyce, : 12 HC (snic).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP, 7e Doum, Benedictus, Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bahrtow), Rev F V A Boyse.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Buch, Whitiock in G. Fsaint 24 (Honegger), The Rector. ST GILES-INVTHE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC 11 MC: 6.30 EP ST JAMES'S. MISWELL HIE, NTO: 8 HC: 1030 HC, Rev P Walson; 6.30 EP, Rev J

ST JAMESS. Piccadilly, W1:830 HC:115

Euch ; \$.45 EP. ST MANES", Sumer Garáens, W2: 2 HC; 10.36 S Boch. Misse Le bien que jui (Goedinel). I will lift up mine syes (Howelld). Rev G Bockle: 6 Choral I. Watson in E. Grencer Love (Ireland), Rev D Petitin. STJOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC (said): 10 Parish Communion, Rev T Biotherd; 6.30 ES, Rev O Ross. ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd. W14: 10 Latin Mass; 11 SM, (Missa de

Angella,
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NWS: 8 HC,
93.0 Facish Communion; 11 5 Each,
Missa brevis St Joannis de Doo (Heydo),
Ave verum (Mozart), The Vicar, AVE VETUM (MODELLY, THE VETUE, T ST LUMETS, Chefsen, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP 8 HC, Missa O Quam gloriosam (Victoria), O Lord give thy Holy Spicit (Tallis), Rev S Achmet, 8.30 S, Lord for thy tender merides white (Farrand, Rev S Achmet, ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd. NW1:8 RC. 10 Family C 11 5 Euch, Collegium Regale (Howelds). O pray for the peace of levestion (Howelds). Rev T Devonshire Jones. ST MARGARETS, Westerlester, SWI: 11

Choral M. Responses (Rose). Jubilate (Tumklis in P minor). Thy word is a lansers (Purceil), Rev P Chesser, 12.15 HC. Indian (Purcell), Rev P Chesses (12.15 HC (1662); 9.45 Ench, 8t Martin-The-The-High Mc2: 8 HC (1662); 9.45 Ench, 8t Martin-The-Service (Stringer), we love the piace where thine hobour dwells (Brahma), 0 Saviour of the world (Gass), The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Evr M Henwedt, 2.45 Chinese Service (EF), Rev G Les; 5 Choral R, Besponses (Staines), Noble in B minor, By Soul, there is a country (Party): 6.30 Es. Rev J Pridmone.

ST MAST'S, Bourne Street, 3W1: 9, 9.45 & 7 List; 11 HM. Communion Service (Causeod), Fr G Reid's Solemn E & R. ST MAST'S, Primmus Hill, MW3: 8 HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Misson O Magmum Mysterium (Victoria, Cantain Domine Hinstein), Rev L van der Fuent 6 Frayer and Meditation. ST MARTIERONE, Marylchone Road.
WI: 8 HC 11 Choral Each, Messe
volumble (Goyanod), Saterdotes Dumlar
(Byrd), The Rector: 6.30 EF. ST MART-LE-STRAND (WENS Church), Strand WC2: I! Sung Commo (Harvest Thanksgiving), Rev E Thom)

ST MAITHEW'S, Great Peter St. SWI: 8 HC, 10 Solemn Ench, Music/Murray, Rev P Athernon; 630 LM. 57 MICHAEL'S, Chemer Square, SWI: Church building closed for renovation. Services are being held at 11 am & 7pm in CrayCoal Hospital School, SWI and at 7pm in St James the Less Church, SWI. ST PAUL'S. Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC: 6.30 informal Service. ST PAULTS. Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC, 11 Soleran Euch, Missa Venstorus Usstud, Thee will I love, my God and king (Howelld, Vox Uttima Crecis (Hants), Rev C Courstaid. ST PETER'S, Estori Square, SW1:8.15 HC 10 Ramily Mass; 11 SM, Mass in D (Dvirki), Rev A Buck. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3-8 HC 11 MP, Jubilate (Flowells). The Lond 8 my Shepherd (Standord), 6.30 E. Rev G James.

Gustate et videte (Issac), Laudate Dominum (Hassier), Fr C Colven; 6 Solemn E & B. Fr N Cocking. ST VEDAST, Poster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent. ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, FOR Street, SWI: 11 Rev W Alexander Cairns; 6.30 Rev Eleanor McMahon. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 11 Mass of 1651 (Monteverdi), My sout there is a country (Parry), Tantum ergo in A first (Bruckner). CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDGEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30, Fr P Nolan. PARM STREET. W1:7.30,8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, THE ORATORY, Erompton Road, SW7: 7.
8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Lands Sion (Palestrina), Esto mini (Haydon), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B. O bone Jesu (Palestrina) ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave Maria (Stravinsky). ST MARYE, Cadogan Street, 593; Masses 8.30, 10, 11 Missa O Quam Gioriosum (Vimoria), O Quam Gioriosum (Vimoria), Justorum Animae (Lessus), 12.15 & 6.30. AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, WI: 9.45 Sunday School: 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt. CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, ECI: 10.30 Rev T ROUMEN. CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: !! Mr W E Dyec 6 Ms Lucy D'Acth. D'Ach.
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Teaching, C Dye; 6.45 Communion. Chris
Carwright: 9 Law on Sunday. MENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Morning Worship, Rev P Lovein. REGENT SQUARE URC (Freshy-kriani/Congregational), Taykinck Place, WCI: 11 Mr J Obuhana; 6.30 Rev R SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Col & Mrs Max Ryan. ST ANDREW'S URC. Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan. ST ANNE AND ST AGNES Emberant.
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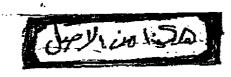
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WILLY BRANDT

Willy Brandt, chancellor of West Germany from 1969 to 1974 and before that governing mayor of West Berlin from 1957 to 1966, died on October 8 aged 78. He was born on December 18, 1913.

WILLY Brandt was one of the outstanding German statesmen of the post-war years, who played a leading role in re-establishing links between West Germany and the countries of the Soviet bloc. He had first come to prominence as mayor of West Berlin, which he came to symbolise at a time when it was under threat. He then turned to national politics, led the Social Democrats to power in Bonn and, through his Ostpolitik, transformed West Germany's external relations.

He was also a man who stirred the imagination of people both in Germany and abroad. He was the only German statesman of his time who could lay a wreath at the concentration camp at Buchenwald, and fall to his knees in the Warsaw ghetto, without striking a false note. When he went to Erfurt for his first meeting with the East German leadership he was all but mobbed by crowds of East Germans. He was cheered to the echo by the Norwegians when he went to Oslo to try to persuade them to join the European Economic Community (though they later rejected his advice).

The reason for this appeal lay in his warm and idealistic temperament and in the fact that, as a man who had resisted the Nazis and been forced to flee for his life, he had clean hands. It meant that as well as building bridges to the East through his policy of detente he did his country another great service. He was able to persuade those West European countries, like Norway, which had the greatest grounds for mis-trusting all things German, to accept West Germany as an ally and a friend.

In West Germany itself his anti-Nazi record brought him the hatred of many older Germans who some-how confused his activities with a kind of treason. But he retained throughout his life the ability to appeal to young people, along with the thin skin which meant that, even after years in the Bundestag, he was easily hurt. Towards the end of his life; his ideals were reflected in the work of the Brandt Commission on relations between the industrialised countries of the "North" and the developing ones of the "South". Brandt was an active chairman of the commission and was disappointed when its report, which called for a massive transfer of resources from "North" to "South" had so little, effect. Brandt was awarded the Nobel Peace prize for his Ostpolitik in

Willy Brandt was born in Lübeck on the Baltic to Martha Frahm, a 19year-old salesgiri. He was christened Herbert Ernst Karl Frahm and never knew his father, who did not marry his mother. His illegitimacy never troubled him and certainly did not hold him back, but Adenauer's unworthy gibe in the 1961 election campaign about "Herr Brandt, alias Frahm" drew from its victim a display of seething contempt which it richly deserved.

> he main influence in his early life was his maternal grandfa-ther, a farm worker and casual labourer and committed SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands) supporter who imbued him with political ideals almost from the cradle. He won a scholarship to the distinguished Johanneum Gymnasium (grammar school) at 13 and it was not long before his teachers noticed his political dedication. One told his mother: "Keep your son away from politics. The boy is gifted... politics will ruin him." But he joined the SPD Arbeiterjugend (workers' youths) at 16 and the party

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proper a year later. His sponsor on the latter occasion was Julius Leber, the local SPD leader and a newspaper editor who became the second surrogate father in the life of Herbert Frahm. From this moderate but committed socialist, the young man learned to recognise the magnitude of the threat Hitler and his Nazis represented to

Germany and her neighbours. The robust young Frahm was soon embroiled in the brawls between the brownshirts and the forces of the left. One of the fracas in which he was involved led to him and a number of others being charged with manslaughter, but it was established to the satisfaction of the court that he had not been close to the scene of the death of a demonstrator and he was

therefore acquitted. Frahm remained active and in 1931, impatient with the excessively. in his view, moderate policies being pursued by the SPD, he joined a revolutionary Marxist breakaway group called the Socialist Workers' Party. He and Leber fell out over this, but a year later Frahm returned to the fold and he began to write articles for his re-discovered mentor. The name "Willy Brandt" first appeared at this time as a nom de plume.

Adolf Hitler became chancellor in January 1933. The following month saw a massive protest demonstration in Lübeck in which his friend Leber, on bail after having been arrested and beaten up by the Nazis and banned from taking an active part, delivered a statement "Freedom." Brandt never saw him again as he found it expedient soon after the rally to flee for his life to Norway. Brandt fled again, from occupied Norway to neutral Sweden, soon after the German invasion and spent the rest of the war in Stockholm.



gether now-for that of Brandt, the excled socialist took up full-time journalism. During the war, he ran a small Norwegian-Swedish news agency, having become by this time fluent in Norwegian and a Norwe-gian citizen. He had also married his first wife, Carlotta, a Norwegian (they parted in 1944 and were subsequently divorced). He had contact with such German resistance to Hitler as existed within the Reich.

After the war he went to Berlin as press attaché to the Norwegian military mission with his temporary major's commission in 1946. A year later, he took out German citizenship again in his native city and re-joined the SPD. The party very soon made him the representative in Berlin of its executive early in 1948, and that is where he staved and rose to national fame.

The world first sat up and took notice of him in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Hungary late in 1956, when Brandt, by then president of the Berlin House of Representatives, personally defused dangerous scenes in which enraged mobs of West Berliners seemed set to storm into the Soviet sector of the divided city. In 1957 he was elected mayor and his calm in the face of the Khrushchev ultimatum at the end of 1958, when the Soviet Union demanded that all Berlin was made a "free city", consolidated his reputation. He became a symbol of his divided city and a world figure. In 1961 Brandt was adopted by

the SPD, desperate for someone of stature to put up against the com-manding figure of Konrad Adenauer as its candidate for chancellor in the West German federal election. On August 13, 1961, while Brandt was campaigning in Lower Saxony, his adopted city was physically divided and sealed off overnight by the Berlin Wall. Returning home to rally his fellow-citizens, Brandt was acutely disappointed at the low-key response, as he felt it to be, of the West in general and the Americans in particular. But President Kennedy's dramatic visit to the city in 1963, when he identified himself with the beleaguered half-city, reconciled Brandt to

the United States. The 1961 election campaign was an unscrupulous one, with frequent use being made of "bastard mayor" gibes and the like. But the SPD improved its percentage of the poll by almost five per cent over 1957. So Brandt was the only conceivable choice as candidate for 1965, by which time he was chairman of the SPD as well, a position he was to hold for a good 20 years. A second failure in that hard campaign disappointed him, however, and made him ill with heart trouble. He swore he would

never stand again. But in 1966 the coalition of Christian Democrats (CDU) and Free Democrats (FDP), which had supported the brief chancellorship of Dr Ludwig Erhard, fell apart. After long negotiations, the "Grand Coalition" of CDU and SPD was formed, with Dr Kurt-Georg Kissinger (CDU) as chancellor and Willy Brandt as vice-chancellor and foreign

power for the first time since the second world war.

With the help of his eminence grise, Egon Bahr, Brandt lost no time in launching his Ostpoliik of reconciliation with the Soviet Union and the Soviet-dominated countries of Eastern Europe, all of which had suffered at the hands of the Nazis. The first step was to establish diplomatic relations with Romania at the beginning of 1967. This was the first move in this direction since relations had been formalised with the Soviet Union in 1955, and showed the pragmatism which Brandt was to

Brandt stood for the chancellorship again in 1969 in an election in which the SPD once more parrowed the gap between itself and the CDU. The CDU fell short of an absolute majority, and Brandt persuaded the new, left-liberal leader of the FDP, Walter Scheel, to join him in coalition. The shift of partner by the small liberal party brought the SPD leadership of a government in Germany for the first time since before the second world war. Brandt became chancellor

Strongly supported by Scheel, who became foreign minister, Brandt proceeded to give a strong new impetus to his Ostpolitik. There were three main areas of activity: the establishment of a modus vivendi with East Germany, the normalisation of relations with Poland, and the negotiation of a treaty with the Soviet Union on the renunciation of force. As far as East Germany was concerned, the first results were seen on March 19, 1970, when Brandt went to Erfurt in East Germany for a summit meeting with Herr Willi Stoph, the East German prime minister — the first meeting of its sort since the foundation of the two states. Brandt received an ecstatic welcome from thousands of East Germans and laid a wreath at

n December 7, 1970, Brandt went to Warsaw to sign a treaty with Poland. This declared that the Oder-Neisse line constituted the western frontier of Poland and affirmed "the inviolability of their existing frontiers now and in the future". On this occasion, too, there were emotional scenes when Brandt laid wreaths at the tomb of the Polish Unknown Soldier and at the monument commemorating the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. The image of the West German chancellor on his knees in atonement for the Holocaust caught the world's imagination.

Brandt's most significant change of course, however, had been in negotiations with the Soviet Union. In August 1970 he and Scheel had visited Moscow and signed a treaty agreeing that both sides would refrain from the threat of force or use of force in any matters affecting security in Europe and international security, as well as in their mutual relations". In the new climate created by this success. Brandt again visited the Soviet Union in September 1971 for talks at Yalta with Brezhnev.

Berlin Agreement between the three Western allies and Russia set the seal on West Germany's emergence as a political power. Brandt had been fond of saying that his country was "an economic giant but a political pygmy". By embedding West Germany in Nato and the EEC, Adenauer had provided half the political equation: Brandt completed it by normalising relations with the Soviet bloc as far as it was possible to do so in his time. West Germany might occupy only half the pre-War Reich, but it was no longer half a state. The two Germanies entered the United Nations simultaneously but separately in 1973.

Not the least of Brandt's contributions to peace had been his decision to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. When he became Chancellor, this had been a controversial issue in West Germany for three years, with strong opposition from the right. But in November, 1969, he signed the treaty, expressing the hope that it would lead to further arms control and disarmament.

During those years, he also maintained his strong belief in the importance of the Atlantic Alliance, despite the fact that much of his attention was given to West Germany's eastern neighbours. He continued to support the concept of a unified Europe and helped to ease Britain's difficulties as it made its way to membership of the European

Community.

He ran into stiff opposition to his Ostpolitik, however, from within West Germany, particularly from the Christian Democrats and their Ba-varian allies, the CSU. In 1972 Brandt was forced to contrive the first premature election in West Germany's brief history because of opposition to the treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland. He made détente with the Soviet bloc the central issue of the campaign, and led the SPD to its most resounding victory in more than a century.

Despite this famous victory, however, and the crowning of his detente programme thereafter, Brandt's customary post-electoral depression took longer than ever to lift. Within six months, observers were writing him off, and within a year and a half he had resigned. It was a poignantly brief lapse of time between the zenith and the nadir of his career. The occasion of Brandr's resignation was the discovery that one of his closest advisers, Gunther Guillaume, had been an East German "plant", itself an unfortunate and ironic develop-

ment. His resignation prevented another far more trivial scandal coming to light at the time, arising from Brandt's lifelong weakness for attractive young women. Brandt considered braving a vote of confidence over Guillaume, for whose treachery he did not feel morally responsible. But his old rival Herbert Wehner, then SPD floorleader, insisted that he should quit. It was also the last straw for a man who had lost the will to rule. Those closest to him, including his second wife, Rut, also a Norwegian, whom he had married in Berlin

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in 1948, knew that he had wanted to go long before it happened, and that it would have come about in any case.

Brandt remained chairman of the SPD, serving as a useful shield for his successor, Helmut Schmidt, whose pragmatic policies as chancellor al-ways tended to irritate the party's increasingly volatile left wing. Brandr's contribution to Schmidr's electoral victories in 1976 and 1980 was crucial, although even the longserving chairman's appeals for unity began to lose their impact soon after the latter poll. World recession, the stagnation of the West German economy and consequent social strains paralysed and divided the coalition with the FDP and exhausted the SPD, which was clearly fired of office, devoid of ideas and divided against itself by 1982, when it was abandoned by the FDP.

If the party that had been his lifelong cause proved disappointing to him in his declining years. Willy Brandt went on campaigning for peace and working for democratic socialism worldwide as chairman of the Socialist International, despite a heart attack in 1978 and a second divorce and his third marriage, to the much younger Brigitte, a year later. He was a changed man with a new lease of life, acquired in time for the 1980 campaign.

The Brandt Commission published its report in the same year. It was widely debated and generally welcomed. But its critics said that the result of implementing the report would be to perpetuate the industrial and economic dominance of the north. whose workers and capitalists would benefit from the proposed re-cycling and the concomitant increase in economic activity. But the debate ran out of steam when the world recession threatened to become a catastrophe, and this was a profound disappointment for Brandt.

Acknowledging the practical con-sequences of the report had been nil, the Brandt Commission in 1983 got out another more urgent appeal entitled Common Crisis, North-South Co-operation for World Recoveny, but to no greater avail.

At home, Brandt used his continued holding of the SPD party chairmanship in a bid to restore the party's fortunes by espousing causes close to its left-wing or the emerging Green party. This policy of appeasing the Greens, which alienated the FDP, proved to be a disastrous mistake. Helmut Kohl won three elections in a row in 1983, 1987 and 1990 against an SPD which had marooned itself on the left. Chief of the causes espoused proved to be the fierce controversy generated in Germany during 1983 over Nato's decision to deploy intermediate range nuclear missiles. Brandt addressed the monster Bonn rally of that year, organised by peace groups (he had already committed the party against the missiles). But when he insisted he had not become anti-American or anti-Nato he was booed.

Brandt's final stepping down from his SPD post, after holding it for 23 years, was painful. Not due to do so until 1988, he made a surprise announcement that he would quit in March, 1987 — carried out the following June — after the party had revolted over his decision to name a young Greek as the SPD's first press spokeswoman, who was not even a party member. The appointment looked like a self-willed gesture from

an old man losing his grip. The dramatic events of the autumn of 1989, particularly the end of the Berlin Wall, brought the former governing mayor of Berlin back, however, once again into the national limelight. Even there, though, the role he naturally assumed as "Patriarch of German Unity", proved to be only short-lived. It was the right-wing Alliance for Germany, driven by Chancellor Kohl, which resoundingly won the East German elections in

the following March.
Like many others, Brandt had been overtaken by the swift-moving results of Gorbachev's decision to relinquish the Soviet Union's military hold over Eastern Europe. He had believed progress could only be gained by small steps and increased contacts between Germans. In 1988 Brandt had described the pledge on reunification in the Federal German Constitution as "a living lie". He was proved wrong, and his words came back to haunt him.

True as always to his Ostpolitik. Brandt, during East Germany's 1990 election campaign, made a moving gesture by going personally up to the Oder-Neisse frontier with Poland and publicly declaring: "I came here to tell you that this frontier is final." His role in the first all-German federal election in December 1990 was less prominent. With typical good grace Brandt did all he could to avoid overshadowing the illfated SPD chancellor candidate Oskar Lafontaine, who survived an attempt on his life but suffered a crushing defeat at the polls. Despite himself, however, Brandt loomed larger in the minds of eastern Germans than Herr Lafontaine. But for his reassuring presence the SPD

might have fared even worse. Brandt's was a complex character. An emotional and sensual man, he was easily hurt. He was also prone to lengthy bouts of melancholia. But he could display vitality and stamina when his mood was right, working well into the small hours day after day. In later life, he became a genial and philosophical figure.

Brandt is survived by his third wife, Brigitte, whom he married in December, 1983. He had a daughter from his first marriage, and three

BARONESS EWART-BIGGS

Baroness Ewart-Biggs Opposition Whip in the House of Lords, whose husband was murdered by the IRA when he was British ambassador in Dublin, died of cancer in Charing Cross Hospital on October 8 aged 63. She was born on August 22, 1929.

JANE Ewart-Biggs was driving along Birdcage Walk on her way to the Foreign Office in 1976 when she turned on her car radio and heard that her husband, who had taken up his post as British ambassa-dor in Dublin only 12 days before, had been blown up by a land-mine. A week later she fought back her grief to tell the Irish people on television: "I feel no bitterness, there is no hatred in my heart." But what remained was a determination to do all she could to end the Irish tragedy and to spend the rest of her life working for the causes in which her husband believed.

In the process she emerged as a considerable figure in her own right. She worked for the Irish people's peace move-ment, founded by Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams; she toured the United States in an attempt to stop American money going to the IRA; she joined the Labour Party and. after being created a life peer, she was a front-bench spokes-man and Opposition Whip in the House of Lords. Felicity Jane Randall was

born into an old Army family. But her father, Major Basil Fitzherbert Randall, died when she was three months old and her mother spent the rest of her life in mourning. Her mother's example was one factor which made Lady Ewart-Biggs particularly anxious not to retire into widowhood after her own husband's

She had married Christopher Ewart-Biggs, already regarded as a future ambassador, in 1960. She had doubts about her fitness to be the wife of a rising young diplomat. She had left school at 16 and was, in her own words, "a jolly little secretary at the Savoy." In fact, she proved a popular and effective figure during their posts at Algiers. Brussels and later in Paris, where they lived for nearly five years when he was minister under three ambassadors. They were delighted at the move to Ireland. Christopher Ewart-Biggs had time to give only one press conference in consumer affairs before be-Dublin before he was murdered.

Before her own death Lady Ewart-Biggs said: "Everybody deals with loss in a different way. I dealt with it by becoming more involved in politics and in the sort of causes in which he was interested." She instituted the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Literary Prize as a memorial to him. She led



marches of the people's peace movement in Ireland and Britain. She worked briefly for the Savoy Hotel group again, but decided she would be better employed on lecture-tours in the United States. Then she joined the Labour Party. This surprised many of her friends. But her husband, though confined by diplomatic protocol, had been an intellectual socialist and she decided that Labour had a tradition of compassion which

appealed to her.
She worked at ward level, then tried to become a candi-date for the GLC and the European Parliament, but failed to get selected. But in 1981 she was nominated by Labour for a life peerage. This was not a gesture to the widow of a man murdered in the service of the state but a recognition that she would make a good working peer. Though she was surprised at the offer it came at the right time. She had worked as hard as she could for peace in Northern Irleand for five years and she felt she was ready to move on. Her elevation was warmly welcomed. Baroness Sharples, who sat on the Conservative benches and whose own husband had been murdered by terrorists in Bermuda in 1973, lent her the robes she needed when she was introduced.

Her maiden speech was on Europe — a cause which had engrossed her for most of her adult life. She was quickly absorbed into the life of the Upper House, even swim-ming for the Lords against the Commons. She spoke frequently and was noted for the amount of preparatory work she put into her speeches. Her industry was rewarded by successive appointments spokesman on home affairs, overseas development and coming an opposition Whip. She published two books of memoirs: Pay, Pack and Follow and Lady in the Lords. Lady Ewart-Biggs was a tall,

striking woman, with strong features to match her spirit. Shortly before her death she married a close friend of long standing, Kevin O'Sullivan She is survived by her son and two daughters.

ON THIS DAY Oct 10 1942

During the Second World War "couponless" silk stockings and articles of women's underwear found their way on to the Black Market, but the outspoken Metropolitan Magistrate. Claud Mullins, had a different kind of Black Market in mind.

BLACK MARKET IN MARRIAGES

Subjects varying from the black market to matrimonial courts were discussed at the nineteenth annual meeting of the Magistrates Association held yesterday at the Mansion House.

The proceedings were opened by the Lord Mayor, who, referring to heavy fines imposed under war regulations, said the City magistrates had never had any difficulty in recovering such penalties, and certainly there had not been any question of offenders taking refuge in bankruptcy. The power to inflict imprisonment had proved most effective in dealing with the reluctant payer.

Lord Sankey, who afterwards presided and moved the adop-tion of the association's report, said that one of the troubles today was that there were too many rules, and he sometimes wondered whether anybody really knew every regulation for the Defence of the Realm.

Mr F. J. O. Coddington. stipendiary magistrate, Bradford speaking from his experience of matrimonial courts, said there was some cause for dissatisfaction, not only with the litigants but also the law of procedure. In his court he did not attempt to hold the parties down to strict procedure, but allowed husband and wife to give their version of the trouble. and often in the bickering that followed he was able to discover facts that were of material help to him. He never decided that a couple should be compelled to

was plain that such a course would only result in misery to

The black market was discussed by Mr G. W. Yandell. cused by Mr G. W. Yandel, chief enforcement officer of the Board of Trade and formerly a superintendent of Scotland Yard, who said that unscrupulous individuals who were enriching themselves in this war at the expense of their fellows were members of a traitors' market, as well as what was known as the black market. Bombed premises had given the unscrupulous an opportunity to feather their own nests by clandestinely disposing of stuff alleged to have been destroyed by enemy action. One of the most prevalent forms of couponless transactions took place in facories where, without the know ledge of the proprietors, silk stockings and women's underwear were sometimes disposed of. Even the crofters of the Highlands and Orkneys had been canvassed for their wares. There was no racket which showed larger profits and attracted more criminals than cosmetics. Industrial lacquer had been supplied by paint manufacturers to cosmetic manufacturers in nail-varnish bottles, and passed off to the retailer as genuine nail varnish. The amount of stolen property in the black market was small in proportion to the whole. His experience showed that when a particular form of crime was prevalent exemplary sentences were the best antidote.

Mr Claud Mullins, a Metropolitan magistrate, referred to what he called the black market in marriages. Many marriages which magistrates had to deal with he said, were more or less without love and affection and with no desire to make them a success, but to cover up the coming birth of a child. Such marriages should not take place unless there was genuine love and affection. Another kind of black-market marriage was already in vocue. One woman admitted to him that she married the man concerned to continue living together where it be free from conscription.

Nasa scans the skies for aliens

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE biggest search ever launched for alien civilisations begins on Monday when two of the world's most sensitive radio telescopes will be pointed in the direction of an obscure star in the constellation of Ophiuchus.

The United States space agency Nasa admits that the ten-year, \$100 million programme has a high "giggle factor, but insists that it is worthwhile for earthlings to prick up their ears and listen for signals from intelligent life elsewhere. Doubters in Congress have responded with a guffaw rather than a giggle.

The new search, to begin on the 500th anniversary of Columbus's first footfall in the new world, is on an altogether bigger scale than anything done before. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Office, at Nasa's Ames Research Centre in California, will use the 310-metre dish of the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico to listen to 1,000 nearby stars, while another group, from the Jet Propul-sion Laboratory in Pasadena. will sweep the remaining 99 per cent of the sky. Data from both telescopes will be processed as it is collected, with human monitors ready to respond to any evidence of

Sensitive as they are the telescopes will detect only those signals deliberately broadcast by alien civilisations. However, the odds appear to favour the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. The Milky Way contains 400 billion stars, of which 10 billion might be expected to have potentially habitable planets. If life has evolved on only one in a thousand of these, there would be 10 million civilisations within 130,000 light years.

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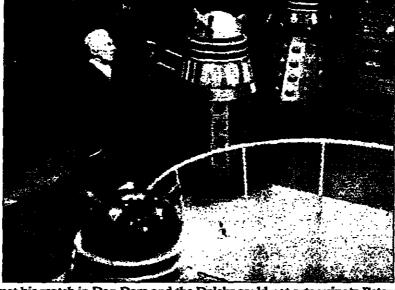






Is there anybody out there? an 1835 view of men on the Moon, left; Martian invaders in War of the Worlds; and the superhero from Krypton







Die, puny Earthlings: but the Mekon, left, met his match in Dan Dare and the Daleks could not exterminate Peter Cushing, centre, while EF just wanted to go home

FROM John Milton to Steven Spielberg, writers and artists have never taken much convincing that aliens beings exist, and that they mean us no good. In Paradise Lost, Milton urges Adam: "Dream not of other worlds, what creatures there/

Live, in what state, condition, or degree ..." Fortunately for science fiction writers, his words have

aiways been ignored. In 1638, Bishop John Wilkins, brother-in-law of Oliver Cromwell, wrote a work entitled The Discovery

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f a Worlde in the Moone, or a Discourse tending to prove that 'tis probable there may be another Habitable World in the Planet. Perhaps fearing ridicule, he published it anonymously.

H G Wells's War of the Worlds,

published in 1898, tells of invasion by Martians: horrible octopus like creatures inside the turrets of threelegged machines, striding around callously destroying whatever lies in their path.

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shapes and sizes, from the horrible Thing from another world in 1951, via the evil Mekon in the Eagle comic strip, to Spielberg's ET, an alien with liberal views whose dearest wish seemed to be to get home as soon as possible.

The tide turns for Major at **Brighton**

Continued from page 1 so grapple with it worked, and the andience appreciated it. They rose at the end to support their man as a tigress does its cub. Sympathy, just as much as assent or admiration played an important part in Mr Major's reception. Mind you, by the time it was over, we were all feeling quite tired.

The speech gave us three firsts it was the first time a party leaders' spouse has been given a standing ovation dur-ing the leader's speech. The ing the leader's special ine tribute to Norma was souching but was it wise? You can't have a tribute to Norma every year. Second, it was the first party leader's speech ever to make no mention at all of the opposition. This will have been Majors own decision and every right thinking cinzen should support him.

Thirdly, this was the first I time Mr Major has been intentionally funny in a speech. His jokes about the need for more motorway ser-vice areas, for when his children couldn't wait, raised a ready laugh but may cause problems for his son, James, among fellow sixth-formers

So far so good. Then came much about small business and a heavy section about British industry, followed by a sustained attack on new age travellers. The prime minister appears to feel passionately on the subject of new age travellers. It is really a wonder he has time to organise the Birmingham summit when the problem of new age travellers is so pressing. Everyone has been attacking them at Brighton this week. They have taken over the role which Ron Todd and the USSR used to fill. His undertaking to clobber them was punctuated by six rounds of applause.

And then the peroration.

"Let us have faith, courage, pride ... " et cetera. Representatives loved it. So selfless of Mr Lamont, the night before, not to steal Major's thunder.

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3 Garbled bulletin about the Spanish warning of disaster to ship

5 Prevented from seeing thing used

Where to grow fruit or a vegetable

8 Bird with the foreign name (5).

14 When payments are due in six

16 I redirect plane, using blue flag on entrances to each runway (9).

18 An indifferent poet, one who's relaxed about unfinished verses

Warning about limit on cheque

Postman, in a manner of speak-

23 Fate cut short the profession of a

25 Leaders of left (or of middle) appear vaguely (4).

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ing (4).

9 Wear away bit of guitar (4).

2 Desirin' an analgesic (7).

the wrong way (9).

6 Rain fell (4).

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- **ACROSS** 1 Periodical said to be ailing (6).
- 4 If you want to reach a high ball you must hurry (4.2.2).
- 10 Murphy, without a second thought, becomes a barman (7). 11 Petition accordingly permitted
- 12 Artillerymen circle African republic, eager for action (6.2,2). 13 It covers the shoulders and head
- 15 What's the point in lighting about transport? (7).
- 17 Clap that's half repressed (7). 19 Informal levy not anything new
- 21 She's an old bag! (7).
- 23 Money, and where it might be hidden, they say (4).
 20 One may call it a sunshade providing shelter (7).
- 24 A saint to venerate, he carried a warning (4.6).
- 27 Bush finished second (7).
- 28 Surprising people before the beginning of the end (7).
- 29 Bearings led Harry astray (8). 30 A racitum person employs terseness to some extent (6).

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The winners of last Saturday's com-

POOTLE a. To waste time h. A tiny foot c. To dibble in seedlings by foot CLAVIGER a. The shoulder-blade

b. A caretaker c. A Hussar Ensign Answers on page 14

By Philip Howard

b. A big number

A big booby or idio

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c. A man-devouring witch

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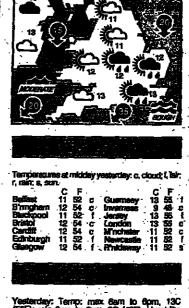


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Jim Birrell has a reputation for being solid, dependable and cautious, just like the Halifax Building Society of which he is chief executive. But people often underesti-mate him. He is considered bright and sharp by friends and is prepared to rebel to break the mould, both in his personal life and in running

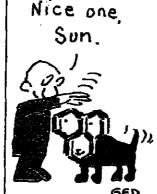


Poor line

Mortgage customers of London & Manchester Assurance face a 0.7 per cent rise to 12.65 per cent but cannot get any answer from the compa-ny's helpline as it has beenPage 23 disconnected

Cascade hope

A cut of 3 per cent in mortgage rates is guaranteed for existing borrowers of the Bristol & West Building Soci-ety opting for its Cascade to opting for its Cascade mortgage in the next 15



Income plans

Elderly people who were sold home income plans and are in financial difficulties face paying thousands of pounds for lawyers and expert witnesses to continue using the industry's arbitration scheme that is meant to be free. Advisers for about 100 clients, including Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil, Somerset, have abandoned arbitration. They are being forced to serve writs on those who sold the awarded costs....



Make a will

The Law Society's Make a Will week will encourage the

Happy returns

Fund management groups will be able to take advantage of the passing of the fifth anniversary of the stock market crash to write poor performance out of their five-year



BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

On the search

Tracking down legatees in wills can be a time-consuming and expensive business, espe-cially if people have died or moved and the next closest relatives or other beneficiaries have to be traced Page 22

Gooda Walker report clears Lloyd's of fraud

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

AN INDEPENDENT report into the Gooda Walker losses at Lloyd's blames inadequate internal controls and excessive concentrations of risk for personal losses suffered by 4.000 names on the four main syndicates managed by the firm.

However, the 14-month enquiry by the Gooda Walker loss review committee into the losses has found no evidence of "impropriety of a dishonest nature", or of collusion with brokers in the placing of business with the Gooda Walker syndicates. Lloyd's is also cleared of any failure of its regulatory framework.

The findings of the report will bring huge relief to Lloyd's, where allegations of fraud and insider trading made by loss-making external names have cast a shadow. A number of Conservative MPs who have made losses described the market earlier this year as "riddled with a structural rottenness" that fa-

voured working names at the expense of outsiders.

The Gooda Walker agency was one of the largest players in the Lloyd's excess of loss (1.84%). (LMX) reinsurance market. which was hit in the late 1980s by a series of losses including the Piper Aldina disaster and Hurricane Hugo. Losses suffered by the LMX syndicates 164, 290, 298 and 299 exceed £700 million.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, representing about 2,200 names on the syndicates, said that while the

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report fell short of what it we wanted, it would still be of enormous help to the action group's legal advisers.

The long awaited findings of the report confirm an earlier investigation into the so-called LMX spiral, carried out by a team led by Sir David Walker. that there is no basis for claims of systematic fraud and insider trading in the market.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said last night that once Sir David's report had drawn a blank "we felt sure that the Gooda Walker committee would find no evidence of systematic fraud, wrongdoing or regulatory failure".

However the three volume, 1,500-word report, drawn up by a committee headed by Keiran Poymer, a Price Waterhouse partner, does point to a number of failures by the Gooda Walker agency and Gooda & Partners, its members' agency arm. It concludes that "certain deficiencies" did exist in the agency's internal controls, "and had they not existed, the losses might have been avoided or mitigated". They include:

"Inadequate" planning and control of underwriting. This led to huge exposures to loss being inadequately coverfound. Gooda Walker underwriters failed to purchase reinsurance protection because of "their failure to recognise the aggregating potential of the spiral business accepted and their willingness to run a high degree of risk for high profit for the syndicates. In 1989,

syndicates 164, 290 and 298 had a total of \$525 million unprotected exposure to a

single major loss. ☐ A failure by the managing agency to keep names and their agents fully informed of unfolding losses. In particular, information was available in November 1988 that might have led some names to reconsider participation for 1989. the worst year for losses.

☐ The inability of the Gooda group members' agency to take a fully objective view of the underwriting activities of the Gooda Walker managing agency because of their shared ownership. "This may have caused them to continue to support the Gooda syndicates at a time when other members' agents were withdrawing

capacity," the report said.

Although Lloyd's is found to have properly administered the relevant regulatory requirements, the report does make a number of suggestions aimed at preventing similar losses in future. These include providing names with more detailed information on the syndicates they are joining, requiring syndicates to keep more up-to-date records on aggregate exposures and en-couraging more reinsurance side the Lloyd's market

Attention will now turn to the negotiating table at which underwriters of the errors and omissions (E&O) policy, covering members and managing agencies, are expected to sit down with Gooda Walker



'Enormous help': Alfred Doll-Steinberg receives news of the report yesterday

City expects rise in sterling to be short-lived

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

UNDERLYING inflation, the central target of the govern-ment's new economic policy. rose by an annual 4 per cent in September to fall neatly into the 1-4 per cent range set out on Thursday by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

The pound provided more comfort for the government, rising to DM2.5147 at the official 4pm close, up almost three and a half pfennigs from Thursday. Dealers attributed some of the improvement to John Major's speech to the

But Jim O'Neill, head of currency strategy at Swiss Bank Corp, said sterling had risen "by default", benefitting from the market view that the mark is in retreat. Avinash Persaud, analyst at UBS Phil-lips & Drew, said the rally above DM2.50 would prove 'ephemeral", as the market expects interest rate cuts.

The pound finished up three quarters of a cent at \$1.6980 and was 0.8 higher on its trade-weighted index at 82.8. Money market expecta-tions of early easing faded, but three-month rates still indicat-ed slightly below the base rate. currently at 9 per cent.

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data on the retail price index disappointed the City. They showed a rise of 0.4 per cent last month to an annual 3.6 per cent, unchanged from August. The targeted core RPI measure, which excludes mortgage interest payments, also rose 0.4 per cent during September, but the annual rate slowed from 4.2 per cent in August to 4 per cent last month, the lowest since March 1988. That marked the end of two years with the underlying measure at or below 4 per cent. City economists

were disappointed by the headline figure, which had been expected to show further slowing, given the failure of the economy to climb out of recession and continued gloom about the economic outlook

September saw increases in the price of clothes and some household goods after a prolongued period of price discounts. But seasonal food prices fell 2.8 per cent during the month to stand 9.5 per cent below September last year. Motoring costs were also down. A fall in mortgage interest rates in September last year dropped out of the calculation of the annual change.

James Barty, economist at Morgan Grenfell, said: "The only reason inflation dropped into the target range was the fall in food prices." Although he expects underlying inflation to drop to about an annual 3.5 per cent by Decempressure from the devaluation of sterling forcing it back up in the first quarter next year, with the target range overshot by

year end.
Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said: "Britain is at the top of the Chancellor's inflation range while in the depth of recession." He said British inflation last month was higher than in Japan, France and America and that the underlying rate was even higher than in Germany.

Meanwhile, Otmar Issing a member of the Bundesbank council, was quoted in an American magazine as saying that the bank had given up its goal of holding German money supply growth to 3.5-5.5 per cent this year.

German surplus, page 18

Trafalgar repels **Hongkong Land**

By Angela Mackay

HONGKONG Land's tender already said it was making offer for 15 per cent of Trafalgar House appeared to have flopped with the property and investment company apparently adding less than 3 per cent to its 14.99 per cent to the bound have been beauth lest work. stake bought last week in a share market raid.

share market raid.

It was clear by Thursday that Hongkong Land would not succeed in buying another 15 per cent by tender before the deadline of 4.30pm yesterday, but directors had hoped to at least top up their stake to 20 per cent to graphle them to. 20 per cent to enable them to equity account Traflagar

House's profits.

After the result is announced on Monday, Hong-kong Land will concentrate on obtaining board representation. Trafalgar House, the property, construction and engineering conglomerate, has

replaced by Allan Gormly who heads Trafalgar House's engi-neering division.

As the company's biggest shareholder, Hongkong Land will also try to exert pressure on management to work group assets more efficiently to resuscitate profits. Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, and Sir Eric have already started a restructuring of the group that is likely to result initially in the sale of the company's hotel interests in the Caribbean and the Ritz

Hotel in London's West End. Hongkong Land offered 85p for ordinary shares in Trafalgar House and 82p for each A ordinary share.

Lucas to delay changes at top

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A SHAKE-UP at the top at Lucas Industries, one of Britain's largest engineering groups, will require Sir Antho-ny Gill, the chairman and chief executive, to announce a delay in the long-awaited hand-over to his heir apparent

when Lucas announces full-year figures on Monday. Tony Edwards, who joined Lucas in 1989, had been expected to take over as chief executive at the end of this year, while Sir Anthony was to continue as chairman until the end of 1994, well past the usual retirement age at the

company.
But Sir Anthony is expected to surprise the City by announcing that he will continue in the twin roles.

Lucas officials denied any

reports of a row between the

comment further so close to Monday's announcement. However, Mr Edwards is thought to have expected to take over as chief executive in

1993. The managing director's job is seen as a clear path to the top at Lucas, and Sir Anthony himself filled the post before taking over from Sir Godfrey Messervy in 1987.

The fortunes of Lucas. which lost its finance director in March after a personality clash, are at a delicate stage. Interim profits on Monday are likely to contain significant provisions for restructuring. offset by a pension fund refund of £90 million. Tentative City forecasts are for pre-tax profits in the range of £40 to £50 million, and Lucas is seen as increasingly vulnera-ble to a takeover bid.

two men but were refusing to Ford brings in new European chief

FROM PHILIP KOBINSON IN NEW YORK

FORD Motor Company has announced a key shake-up at the top of its European operations. The American car giant gave a warning that it was likely to lose money for the rest of this year and unveiled plans to raise \$1 billion in cash.

Mr Jacques Nasser, former head of Ford's Australian operations, has been appointed Ford of Europe chairman and will take immediate charge of the business. He succeeds Mr Lindsey Haistead, who has been with Ford for 40 years and retires in

three months. Ford shares dropped \$2.625 to \$35 on Wall Street after trading in its stocks was delayed. The price is 28 per



Halstead: bowing out

cent down so far this year. Ford expects a loss in the third quarter that ended last month. and because of economic uncertainty in Europe and overall weakness of the American

extend to the fourth quarter. However, Ford said that results for the full year will represent a substantial improvement over the \$2.3 billion loss last year. Ford made \$840.3 million profit in the first-half of this year. But analysis were already forecasting third-quarter losses of \$34

Ford of Europe lost more than \$1 billion last year, most of it at Jaguar and Ford of Britain, which has cut its workforce heavily this year.

The plan to raise \$1 billion has carplayed analysts, who

has perplexed analysts, who

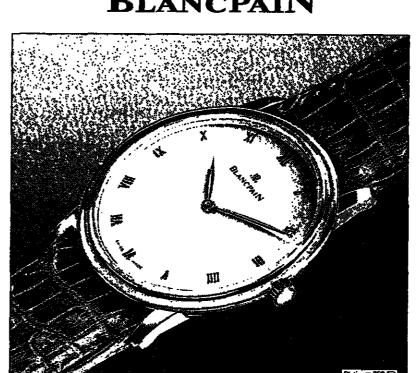
product development. It is raising the money through Merrill Lynch, which is selling preferred shares carrying a fixed dividend but no conversion into Ford ordinary

Ford's announcement pushed the plight of American car makers back into the spotlight. Shares of General Motors, the largest, fell \$1 yesterday to \$29.125, just \$3 off its worst level and down 34 per cent in the past 12

months.

Wall Street expects GM to lose money for the third consecutive year. On Wednesday, the Auto Workers' Union is threatening a strike at a lighting factory that could shut

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say that at the end of last June, Ford's car operations had \$10 billion in cash and \$8.2 billion Ford, which raised \$2.3 billion last year, says the new

can assembly factories.

Standard bubbles with Far Eastern promise



Global business: Rodney Galpin, of Standard Chartered

hidden value regularly excite Standard Chartered Bank's share price, and a new crop of stories have engrossed market traders this week.

The two main rumours are that the Development Bank of Singapore is poised to buy a 14 per cent stake in the bank from Tan Sri Khoo, the Malaysian businessman, and launch a bid, or that Standard is planning to hive off its successful Far Eastern Neither suggestion bears

close examination. Tan Sri Khoo may indeed be keen to sell his stake, but Singapore's local banks are intensely in-ward-looking and unlikely to take over a global business the size of Standard, which is chaired by Rodney Galpin. Standard's structure would make it difficult to isolate a single division, and the bank has always believed its strength lies in its wide geo-

graphical spread. Neverthe-less, the stories were enough

above 500p on Thursday, and they finished the week at 493p, a gain of 65p.

The other factor behind Standard's popularity is a crop of positive notes from analysts. The bank took a party of analysts and fund managers out to the Far East at the start of October, and they have returned with favourable reports of the business in Singapore and Hong

Kong.
But investors should not forget Standard's travails in other parts of the world, particularly Bombay, where a stock market scandal has cost the bank £118 million this year. While the bank assured investors that it has eradicated the chances of similar disasters elsewhere in the world, any business as widespread as Standard's runs

high risks.

But assuming the bank manages to avoid any more banana skins, profits could reach £320 million next year. well worth picking up once some of the speculative froth

Lamont

IT HAS not been a good week to be called Lamont, whether you are Chancellor of the Exchequer or a Northern Ireland carpet maker. While the former's fortunes

remain in the balance, the

latter's prospects look dis-

tinctly threadbare after a set of interim figures that sent the share price diving more than 20 per cent yesterday. A black hole at Shaw Carpets sent pre-tax profits tum-bling from £3.92 million to £2.18 million at the half-way

stage. Shaw, focused on the com-

petitive middle price band, had to cope with a market that fell 20 per cent in volume terms as well as management problems and a product range that is not yet the equal of its

putting the shares on a p/e hungry compensors. By con-ratio of less than six. They are trast Northern Ireland Carpets, which sells to the cheapest end of the trade, returned a reasonable profit.

But the intractability of the problems at Shaw led to significant profits downgrades in the City; against an earlier market range of £9-£10 million, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is now forecasting only £7 million.

At 238p, the shares are now 42p below the April rights issue price that funded the purchase of Alexander Drew. while the news there is of difficult trading in the first three months under new ownership.

The interim dividend is held at 3.5p, and on BZW's forecast earnings per share of 17p for the full year should secure the 12p total, giving the support of a 6.7 per cent yield. But the shares change hands on 14 times' this year's earnings, which looks a bit rich until the outlook

Cannon fined £50,000 for rule breaches

CANNON Assurance has been fined £50,000 and has paid substantial costs after admitting three charges of misconduct. The sauctions were imposed by its regulator, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro). The charges related to the activities of one of Cannon's tied agents in the two years to June 1991 and those of staff at the company's Cardiff branch office before August 1990.

The company, which was once the UK arm of Bernie Connield's investors Overseas Services empire, admitted that investors had been put in danger of being sold inappropriate investments or of having existing ones cancelled against their interests. Lautro accepted that Cannon had taken steps to ensure that no investor suffered any loss. Since the rulebreaches, Cannon has severed its relationship with the tied agent and the Cardiff branch management has changed.

Johnston in the red

REDUCED demand and tighter margins effectively wiped out operating profit at Joinston Group, the civil and mechanical engineer, leaving a pre-tax loss after interest costs in the half-year to end-June of £765,000 against profits of £1.25 million last time. The shares tumbled 15p to 119p on the many. The dividend is between the 2.25p. Graham the news. The dividend is halved to 2.25p. Graham Johnston, the chairman, said in addition to the difficulties in the British construction market, contracting and construction in the Caribbean had been hit by delays in starting new projects. The outlook for the rest of the year did not indicate much evidence of recovery, he added.

Steak House trims loss

ABERDEEN Steak Houses Group managed to trim firsthalf losses, but the USM-quoted restaurant chain remained in the red as the recession continued to bite. Pre-tax losses in the 26-week period to end-June decreased to £408,000, against a taxable deficit of £629,000 in the comparative period. Turnover edged up 1 per cent to £5.78 million. Ali Salih, the chairman, hopes that sterling's devaluation will work in the company's favour, with more tourists being attracted to Britain by the reduction in holiday costs. There was an exceptional debit of £19,000. The loss per share was exceptional debit of £19,000. The loss per share was

static at 3p. Once again, there is no interim dividend. Trace bounces back

THE recovery continued at Trace Computers, as cost reductions helped the computer software group report pre-tax profits of £502,000 in the year to end-May, against a loss of £471,000 last time. Turnover dipped to £19.3 million. against £19.7 million previously. The company said its core against 219.7 million previously. The company said is core businesses of systems for insurance broking, property, distribution, stockbroking and bespoke software achieved good performances despite difficult trading conditions. Earnings stood at 2.94p a share, against a deficit of 1.98p a share last time. The final dividend is being maintained at 0.9p a share, giving an unchanged total of 1.45p for the year.

Jobless rise feared

NORTHERN Ireland's economy is set to face one of its most difficult periods, according to the annual report of the economic council there. Professor Colin Campbell, council chairman, said unemployment would continue to rise. "Since Northern Ireland usually lags behind the recovery in the UK this does not bode well for the local economy," he said. The council, an independent advisory body set up by the government, said it was deeply concerned about anticipated expenditure cuts for the next financial year. The report said that Northern Ireland's economy was now perhaps more subject to forces largely beyond its control than in the past.

Amgold lifts payout

ANGLO American Gold Investment (Amgold), which has interests in a clutch of South African gold mining companies, is raising its 1992 interim dividend from 475 cents to 525 cents after investment income in the six months to September 30 advanced to R127.2 million (£24.4 million), compared with R109.3 million last time. Anglo American Investment Trust (Anamint), which essentially draws its income from holdings of shares in De Beers, is maintaining its 1992 interim dividend at 72 cents a share. Attributable earnings in the six months to September were R73.2 million (R71.9

Ulster TV ahead

AN INCREASE of 16.6 per cent in advertising revenue, the largest by any independent television company in the comparable period, sent pre-tax profits from Ulster Television ahead from £134,000 to £1.79 million in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is raised by 1p to 4.25p. John McGuckian, the chairman of Ulster Television, said the second half had started strongly but that the final quarter would be adversely affected by the uncertainty in the British economy. Even so, the year's revenue increase should be ahead of the industry average, he added. The shares were

Cohen cuts dividend

A COHEN, a maker of non-ferrous metal ingots, is reducing its 1992 interim dividend from 6.6p to 3.4p "in the interests of financial prudence". Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 fell from £555,000 to £496,000 on a turnover of E38.1 million (641.2 million). The group says there was an improvement in some of its business sectors, but conditions in others were worse. An end to the recession is not yet apparent, Cohen says, and further cost reductions now being made will not make an impact until next year. The ordinary and non-voting A shares were unchanged at 310p and 270p,

Sears chief joins scaled-down board at Midland Bank

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has scaled down the board of Midland, its new subsidiary, and appointed Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman of Sears, as the new deputy chairman.

Mr Maitland Smith, a director of Midland since 1986, will have to become accustorned to the world of cheques and credit cards from the other side of the till. Sears is one of Midland's most important corporate customers and

ures, but the improvement

mainly reflected the domestic

economic slowdown that

many economists fear could

German industry is fearful

that the appreciation of the

mark during the currency

market turmoil since the sum-

mer will make it more difficult

to export, while increasing

import-penetration. The de-

valuation of the pound and

the lira, in particular, are seen

as a threat to German interna-

The Bonn government has

forecast that the economy will

grow 2.5 per cent next year.

but independent forecasters have revised their expectations

down heavily, with many pre-dicting growth well below I

The federal statistics office

said that the trade surplus in

August was DM5,7 billion,

more than four times the July

surplus and about twice the

surplus in August 1991. This took the cumulative surplus

for the first eight months to

DM19.7 billion, more than

double the surplus for the

The current account, which

encompasses visible trade and

invisibles, such as banking,

insurance, shipping and gov-ernment transfers, continued

to show a deficit. But the

shortfall narrowed to DM2

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strong links. Baroness O'Cathain, another Midland director and the only woman on the board, is also a director of Sears.

Mr Maitland Smith is replacing Sir Peter Leslie, the chairman of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, who has decided to retire after only a year as deputy chairman. Sir Patrick Meaney, Midland's other deputy chairman, died earlier this year and is not being the two companies have replaced Sir Peter Walters is

DM28.4 billion, almost un-

The August trade surplus

was achieved in spite of a 19

per cent slump in exports compared with July. Exports

were down 5.7 per cent from

the previous August. The slug-

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my, and the depressed state of Germany's European part-ners in particular, has added

to the woes of German export-

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German surplus

reflects slowdown

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

THE German trade surplus billion in July. For the first jumped sharply in August, eight months, the current according to government fig- account deficit totalled

ing two other resignations. Jefferson Cunningham, an

chairman.

American consultant to Midland since 1984, and Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman of Tarmac. These come four months after the resignations of Gene Lockhart, the chief executive of UK Banking, and George Loudon, the chief executive of Midland To replace them the bank is

staying as the Midland's

Midland's board is suffer-

apppointing Charles Mackay, chief executive of Inchcape, as a director. Inchcape, with its extensive interests in the Far East, is an old friend of the Hongkong Bank and, until last year, Mr Mackay was the head of the group's operations in the Far East, based in Hong Kong. Mr Mackay is already a non-executive director of HSBC Holdings, the holding company of the Hongkong

Bank group. The other significant board appointment is John Strickland. HSBC's director in charge of technology. He becomes a director in January, but is already deeply involved in the worldwide integration of Midland's computer systerns with the rest of the group.

Hongkong Bank places a heavy emphasis on its advanced technology, much of which it has developed inhouse at a fraction of the cost of commercial systems.

These changes, combined with earlier resignations will reduce the size of Midland's board from 16 to 12. The total is expected to fall to 11 when Richard Delbridge, Mid-land's finance director, be-comes HSBC's group finance

director early next year. cent decline since last August. The persistent invisibles def-The changes will leave Midicit reflects the strength of the land with only two executive directors. Brian Pearse, the mark too. The return on overseas investment has been chief executive, and Keith Whitson, his deputy, who was appointed by Hongkong Bank earlier this year. From now on, most of the businesses steadily reduced, while German spending abroad contin-Market hopes, fostered by at Midland will be run by

Bundesbank operations in the money market, of an early cut senior managers. in key German official lend-Five of the directors on the ing rates started to fade to-wards the end of the week new board are Hongkong Bank appointees, including William Purves, Hongkong Bank's chairman, and Ber-Expectations had been raised that the lombard and discount nard Asher, chairman of James Capel, who were direcrates would soon follow the fall in money market rates, which tors before the bank launched have been offically steered to below 9 per cent. its bid last March.



Different view: Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Midland's new deputy chairman

Fraud conviction for former IoM banker

BY OUR CITY STAFF

THE former managing director of an Isle of Man bank received a suspended jail sentence after being convicted of conspiracy to defraud. Sentencing Robert Killin, 61, the judge said he had based his decision on the stress and length of the investigation and

Manchester Crown Court had heard how a piece of land at Baxenden, Lancashire, was bought for £80,000 and sold the same day for £635,000. Two bankers — one of them Killin — received shares after-"for no apparent wards consideration".

Killin, then managing di-rector of The Savings and

Investment Bank, which collapsed ten years ago owing investors £42 million, later sold his shares for more than £20,000, said John Cooper, prosecuting. The land had a pumped up "value because of a valuation supplied by a surveyor, he added. The Savings and Investment Bank provided the £80,000.

Killin, of Southport, Merseyside, was convicted of conspiring to defraud the shareholders of Pennine Commercial Holdings and given a suspended 12-month jail

Five other men convicted of fraud in the affair were sentenced last month.

Firstland Group to raise £5m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

FIRSTLAND Group, the USM-quoted oil and gas company, is raising £5.1 million through a placing of shares to buy Gelpack Industrial, an industrial packaging com-pany, for £4.8 million. Firstland, which is diversify-

ing from oil and gas, unveiled a pre-tax loss of £87,000 (£455,000) in the six months to end-June. Turnover was £201,000 (£233,000).

The loss per share is cut from 2.05p to 0.34p. There is no interim dividend, out the directors plan to recommend a final payment, in mid-1993, for the year to end-December, 1992.

BA and USAir talks piloted by officials

By Harvey Elliott

THE success of the proposed \$750 million British Airways investment in USAir last night hung on the outcome of "who blinks first" confrontation between British and American civil servants.

British negotiators, led by David Moss, transportation under secretary, appeared to gain the initiative in talks in Washington, during which they promised to allow American airlines greater access to British markets - provided the US government fully approved the planned deal between BA and USAir.

Backed by BA advisers, they claimed that the proposals were not negotiable and that if turned down the BA deal would be withdrawn. BA let it be known that if the British



Moss: tough talker

can carriers greater access to its "home" market, then the price it was prepared to pay to rescue USAir would be too high and it would be forced to withdraw the offer.

The "big three" American carriers — United, American and Delta - said that the

British offer was insufficient to justify the deal. British negotiators stunned their American counterparts by an apparently dramatic move towards liberalisation. Any route between any American city and a British regional

airport would be made freely available at fares that were virtually unfettered by any government interference. they said. Mr Moss then added that "of course" new carriers that had just opened up such a route would have to be protected, under existing bi-lateral agreements for three years and this just happened to apply to BA.

The British team then said that, in a second phase towards complete liberalisation of air services, it would allow American airlines the right to fly from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted to wherever they chose in America, providairport dominated by one carrier. The sting in the tail came when the team insisted that this would not be allowed until the American government lifted its existing rules on foreign airlines holding stakes in US carriers. The American negotiators

did not respond but their main airlines balked and argued that they must be allowed unfettered rights into Britain if the BA/USAir deal was to proceed. Finally, Britain said that it

would scrap all existing re-

strictions once the US govern-ment agreed to allow foreign airlines to take a controlling stake in its domestic carriers. It is now clear that the planned "take over" of USAir by BA is inextricably linked to bi-lateral inter-governmental negotiations. The talks resume in London this month.

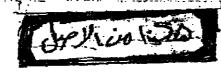
GOVERNMENT securitie continued to make headway encouraged by another resi ient performance by the pound. Dealers reported per sistent buying by continental investors, despite disappoint-ing inflation figures and an apparent lack of City enthusi asm for the prime minister speech at Brighton. The Bank of England i

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Jim Birrell

Loyalty the key for head of the house of Halifax

The Yorkshireman at the helm of the biggest building society is not to be underestimated, writes Carol Leonard

hether his close set eyes, aquiline nose and soft Yorkshire accent are contributory factors is not quite clear, but Jim Birrell, the chief executive of the Halifax Building Society, is fully aware of the fact that people are inclined to underestimate him. Birrell, 59, and due to retire next August, has a reputation for being solid, dependable and cautious, and in all of those traits he and the building society are at one. In fact, Jim Birrell and the Halifax Building Society go hand in hand to such an extent that Birrell is known to take personal offence if ever the society is criticised. He wants to be liked but, in the same breath, he wants you to like his building society too. The degree to which the Halifax can be justifiably criticised, beyond superficial gripes, is, it has to be said, limited. It is, after all, the biggest building society in the

world and as successful as it is large. Its asset 'My heroes were base is worth something in the Gladstone rather region of £60 billion, it is a trusted than Disraeli. Cromwell rather savings of 15 million customers than the King' and, with its other corporate hand, it caters for

1.8 million borrowers, providing 20 per cent of mortgages. As Birrell puts it so succincity: "They might not respect the man, but they have to respect the office."

So what are the implied complaints against Birrell, mostly uttered in sheepish manner behind his back? Mention his name, and some observers roll their eyes, smile knowingly, allude to his predictable nature, to the absence of any dever. innovative schemes generated by him, and attempt to steer you in the direction of other, more flamboyant - and therefore, they claim, far more interesting - building society chiefs. But Birrell, given the size of his command, if nothing else, deserves an independent hearing.

Unerringly direct, with constant eye-to-eye contact, Birrell, who earned £200,000 last year, would be the first to agree that he has never felt the need to devise shortlived, high-profile, publicity-grabbing schemes. Both he and the Halifax are novelty shy. Given his

desire for popularity, he would also probably agree that he dislikes having to deal with unpalatable managerial situations. He is essentially an extremely nice man. At the Building Societies Association Conference this year he looked visibly pained when he had to face his industry colleagues after publicly stating that the big societies would not automatically step in to rescue the smaller societies, if those smaller societies found themselves in difficulty by virtue of their own reckless behaviour. Yet Birrell said what needed to be said. He might not like doing it, but he will bite the bullet nevertheless.

Chris Sharp, managing director of Northern Rock Building Society, and cited by Birrell as one of his closest friends, says: "He is certainly not one of your Mr Flashes, here today and gone tomorrow, leaving a trail of compensation claims and bad debts. He has an air of quiet

tranquility and yes, there is a risk that people un-derestimate him. I would certainly never treat him as lightly as some made by other people. If he chose to - and if it became Halifax policy - he

could blow many of us away." Sharp's comments hint at an area of serious concern within the industry: the selection, or lack of it, of Birrell's successor. Birrell, in common with his two predecessors, was an internal candidate, ear-marked for stardom almost as soon as he joined the society, 24 years ago, as a chartered accountant. To the outside world, his fate appeared to be sealed in 1986 when he was dispatched to Harvard on an advanced management training programme. He was duly appointed chief executive two years later. But there has been no such obvious grooming this time round. Although there are said to be two possible internal runners, neither is a favourite and the Halifax has now admitted that it may be forced to break with tradition and look elsewhere. The concern caused by such uncertainty is understandable, given the repercussions any change of policy within the Halifax could have on the industry at large. A creased, and the housing market is,



Tea for two: Jim Birrell finds time away from the company flat in London to relax with his wife Margaret at their home in Halifax

more aggressive leader could, as Sharp points out, endanger the existence of its smaller brethren. Those who dismiss Birrell's achievements so thoughtlessly might then be the first to rue his departure. One senior industry source, who asked not to be identified, wryly observed: "The Halifax has been very successful and someone must be responsible for that, and that someone is Jim Birrell. They are going to have a problem replacing him, in more

ways than one."

Birrell might wince as he reads some of the above but he would not take issue. He takes enormous pride in the fact that he works for the biggest and most prestigious employer in his native Yorkshire. "Yes, of course it gives me pleasure, and yes, just occasionally I am amazed to think that I'm the chief executive," he says. "I was never one of those who felt I had the field marshall's baton in my nap sack." If pushed, he will perhaps agree that he no longer enjoys his job as much as he once did. The building society world has changed. The comfortable days of the cartel are long gone, competition has in-

he says, "in the longest and deepest recession I have seen in my entire career". To add to those pressures, Birrell, a devoted family man, with a £250,000 four-bedroomed chalet bungalow in Halifax - "I'd be surprised if I got £200,000 for it now" - has to spend at least half the week living in a company flat in St James's, London, away from his wife Margaret and two daughters. His wife complains that she never sees him and at one official function was heard to say: "I'll be glad when all this is over."

irrell vividly recalls the good old days. When he joined the society in 1968. it had assets of £1.3 billion. "It was virtually a two product company, one for savings and investment and one for mortgages," he says. "Our pricing was fixed by the BSA in London and we didn't have any real competition. We rationed mortgages on what seemed to be a fair social basis, the vast majority of our staff had been with us all their working lives and the atmosphere of the organisation was to be good not clever." Compare that to the huge array of financial services now available, the

facilities for unsecured borrowing. the countless plastic cards, the fierce competition and the fact that pricing is fixed by market forces, and it is easy to see why Birrell was tailor-made for the Halifax of old.

Yet, at the same time, according to those who know him well, he was not so conservative as to feel no disappointment when, shortly after his appointment as chief executive. the non-executive directors of the Halifax effectively shelved plans for the society to forgo its mutual status. But he is so philosophical and protective of his charge that you would never guess that those had ever been his sentiments. "Mutual status does provide us with legal and structural benefits in a business sense," he says. "We are not subjected to takeover pressures and, therefore, provided we can grow our business and do not need the extra capital we could get from issuing shares, we do not need the cost or the extra pressure of being public I do not regret that deci-sion." Birrell is nothing if not loyal and he regards loyalty as an important quality. As a schoolboy at Bradford Grammar, he laboured under the disadvantage of having a father who was a master

there and says: "It taught me loyalty because even at that early age, when your pals were telling tales about the master, you had to decide whose side you were on. I was on my father's side." The second of three children, he was, he says, "always looked upon as more serious than my older brother". But because of his height - he stood off lin tall at 13 - he also often got into fights. "There was a certain

amount of gang warfare in the

playground and I was a bit of a gang leader. I was the champion of

our group."
Birrell, a street fighter? It does not fit his popular image. He also longed to be an international cricketer, failing that, a sports journalist, and, although not a natural ball player, he enjoyed playing rugby. My ability was born of size and aggression, not of basic skill." Birrell, as an agressive. physical sportsman? This too is unexpected. And then he reveals that because both his parents were teachers - his mother graduated from Manchester University just after the first world war - and expected him to go to university and then become a teacher too, he

rebelled. "I wanted to break that

Surely this cannot be true.

The scholastic atmosphere of his home meant that Birrell was instead intrigued by an uncle, a successful accountant who drove a Daimler. "Yes, both my parents were very disappointed." Curiously. Birrell now drives a Jaguar, and, when asked what he does for a living, he often tells people that he

too is an accountant. And yet, in the next breath he says that next year, when he has retired, he might finally fulfill his parents ambitions by doing an Open University degree course, but in general arts, not an MBA. Talk to him then about politics and he will tell you that while he voted Conservative at the last election, he has been known to vote Labour. "My heroes were Gladstone rather than Diraeli, Cromwell rather than the King." Comments such as these from a conservative, cautious man? There is, it seems, more to Birrell than meets the eye.

ne of the few things that can make him lose his temper, is, he says, intellectual intolerence -"People trying to talk down to you" - and the plane journey home after his 17 week spell at Harvard seems to have left a lasting impression. "I was sat in a British Airways first class section and I could hear people establishing hierarchies by voice — British upper class voices."

That comment tells you a lot about what Birrell stands for, and you begin to understand why he has hung on so doggedly to his Yorkshire accent, despite a variety of external influences. You also begin to wonder if he is something of a wolf in sheep's clothing, aware that people underestimate him and content to take full advantage of the opportunities that that provides.

John Bayliss, deputy chairman of the Abbey National, would support such a theory and also makes the observation that just as Birrell is underestimated, "so too is he under-appreciated within the Halifax itself. Beneath that likeable but deceptive cover, he is, Bayliss says, very bright and very sharp".

Sharp obviously agrees. "If you were to walk past him in the street, you might think that he was anything from a local government clerk to something more senior in finance," he says.

"But in order to get to grips with the qualities he has, you have to sit down and talk to him, spend time with him, he is not easy to get to know. Once you understand how he operates you would never underestimate either the Halifax or the

Matthew Bond

The ghosts of glories past exorcise their right to haunt troubled heirs

ady Thatcher, we learn, regards the Maastricht treaty as a "vision of yesterday". The prime minister undoubtedly wishes his predecessor was 100. One way or another, this has been a week of back to the future.

The roll-call is eloquent testi-mony. Thatcher? Here. Lawson? Here. Tebbit? 'Ere. Whitelaw? Here. All present and politically incorrect - and revelling in the opportunity to give at least one more outing to their shared but often differing rememberances of things past.

But it was not just old political heavyweights that were grabbing the headlines from their unfortunate successors. In the City, those two old stagers. Hanson & White, nurned their back on nineties niceties, like developing their existing businesses, and launched a good old-fashioned smash and grab raid for those owned by Ranks Hovis McDougall. Never mind or-ganic growth, just feel the self-

raising earnings.

Nor could the noble Hanson peers be doing with any of those new fangled debt instruments or cumulative, convertible whatsits. The offer was £780 million. Cash.

Busy too were those gallant knights astride Trafalgar House, another of the City's old warhorses. Their best battles may be behind them, but neither Sir Nigel Broackes nor Sir Eric Parker looked eager to accept Hongkong Land's implicit invitation to hang up their spurs. Nevertheless, with the Chinese government describing Chris Patten's modest democratic reforms for Hong Kong as "irresponsible and imprudent", it was hard to see the family Keswick retreating for long. From Trafalgar House that is.

The stock market too was happy to indulge in this bout of nostalgia, and duly conjured up a 103-point fall in the Footsie, the like of which had not been seen since good old 1987. The cause of the crash was blamed by some on the vacuum that filled the space normally occupied by econom-



ic policy. Others pointed out that the not-so-mini crash coincided with the serialisation of Nigel Lawson's memoirs. Mr Lawson may be gone, they said, but he is clearly not forgiven.

As to the veracity of Mr Lawson's account, let us simply say that "I do not, fully recognise this version of events" is fast becoming to 1992 what "economical with the truth" was to 1986.

But whatever the cause of

the stock market slump and the corresponding falls in the currency markets, the prime minister responded in the time-honoured Corporal Jones/James Callaghan tradition. For this prime minister, however, being the man he is. "Don't panic" was never going to be sufficient Cor-nered as he arrived in Brighton for the party conference the was yet to discover how cornered) he responded with

Mr Lamont should tilt at

time. I don't think people should get unduly panicked about it." Phew, that's a relief. But I'd still be careful getting off planes from the Caribbean

this winter, prime minister.

Back in the City, the Hanson bid for RHM took an unexpected turn, away from the tried and well-tested script for hostile bids. All the initial signs had been encouraging, with the RHM board indig-nantly urging their sharehold-ers to take no action in response to the Hanson terms.

ut less than 24 hours later - when conven-Dion has it that the camps are at each other throats - the two sides were locked in a cosy chin-wag, having what both described as a "useful exchange of ideas". Corporate nostalgia clearly is not what it used to be. In Brighton, of course, ideas

were being exchanged freely.

said a lot, and then by Mrs Thatcher, who did not. How Mr Major must have envied Boris Yeltsin who had not only confined Mikhail Gorbachev to barracks but evicted his predecessor's think tank from its offices. The barricades are going up in Chester Square But it was Mr Lamont that the City came to hear, and hear they did — the same thing, over and over and over

although quite how usefully it was difficult to say. Mr Major was mugged in quick succession, first by Mr Tebbit, who

again. For as far as his audience could hear, Mr Lamont was trapped not so much by echoes of the past, as by a simple echo. If he mentioned the word "inflation" once, he mentioned it 17 times. And the battle against it, he stressed 17 times, goes on...and on...and on. God help the windmills if

them. For this is a man whose nostrils do not recognise the scent of victory, whose eyes are blind to the white flags in front of them, whose ears are deaf to plaintive calls of "no more, no more". But like a man possessed — repossessed perhaps — the Chancellor battles on. Inflation will be between 1-4 per cent a year in his political lifetime (what about next week?) and no more than 2 per cent in the longer term. The mysterious underlying rate would be 4 per cent or less, he said with the confidence of a man who had seen the figures already. And house prices would be monitored to give a wider measure of inflationary

Mr Lamont may have seen the inflation statistics but he had not seen the Halifax house price index, which showed house prices falling by 3.1 per cent in September alone and by 7.5 per cent in a year. Now, Mr Lamont, compare this to your underlying inflation index, which rose by only 0.4 per cent in September and (surprise, surprise) by 4 per cent in a year. The battle is over, Mr Lamont. Isn't it time for the peace to begin?

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Share prices fight their way back

THE stock market has had a volatile week. The FT-SE 100 index moved more than 200 points, but closed vesterday on a subdued note, just 8.5 below Monday's opening level.

Share prices have spent much of the past few days clawing back Monday's 103point loss — the biggest oneday fall since the October 1987 crash. The fall stemmed from the pound's continuing weakness against its main rivals and the confusion generated by the government's apparent lack of economic policy. But a change of fortune for sterling towards the end of the week and the hope of cuts

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in both British and German interest rates, enabled the equity market to recover.

The FT-SE 100 index ended the session yesterday 2.4 points higher at 2,541.2 after thin trading. Only 484 million shares changed hands.

The market had started on a firm note, dragged higher by the pound and the futures market, and by mid-morning the FT-SE 100 was sporting a rise of 28 points. But the early pace proved too much for most investors, who expressed disappointment at the latest inflation figures. Financial futures came off the boil, which encouraged market-makers to

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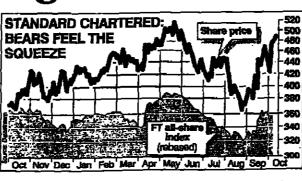
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shut down their positions ahead of the weekend. Forte, Britain's biggest hotelier, was a dull market, falling 5p to 154p after Panmure Gordon, the stock-

of the recent rally in the shares

the approach came from Airtours, the high-flying package holiday group, 1p down at 236p.

international banking group, came within a whisker of £5; the shares touched 498p before settling at 493p, a rise of 12p on the day. Dealers claim the rise was prompted by talk

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broker, said a dividend cut might be on the way because of the effects of recession on profits. Panmure reckons investors should take advantage

Owners Abroad, the package tour travel business, enjoyed another burst of speculative buying. The price touched 82p before subsiding to 73p, still 4p ahead, amid claims that LTU, a German holiday group, was poised to make a bid. LTU bought the Thomas Cook travel business from Midland Bank this year. On Monday, Owners Abroad said it had received a tentative approach from an unnamed company last month but nothing had come of talks. Whispers in the market suggest that

Standard Chartered, the

Bank of Singapore.

Standard was the target of an abortive bid by Lloyds Bank in May 1986. It has been the subject of bid speculation periodically ever since. At the last count, the Malaysian businessman Tan Sri Khoo owned 14 per cent of the shares.

Brokers are sceptical about another bid. They said the rise in the share price had been prompted by short positions among market-makers after publication this week of bullish recommendations from BZW, Goldman Sachs and Warburg Securities.

Other banks saw early leads whittled away. Barclays touched 349p before closing 2p cheaper at 340p; HSBC use 6p to 419p; Hoyds finished 1p firmer at 446p, after 453p; National West eased 2p to 346p, after 357p;
TSB Group firmed 2p to
130p; Abbey National slipped Ip to 308p, after 315p; and

Grand Metropolitan's share price tell by 11p to 380p. Depressed prices for fresh produce are reckoned to be hurting profits at the company's Green Giant subsidiary.

Royal Bank of Scotland hardened 1p to 152p.

The revival in the Tate &

Lyle share price that followed a meeting with analysts on Thursday proved short-lived. The price fell 6p to 34 lp after Cazenove, the stockbroker, cut its profits forecast. Smith New Court is also urging clients to sell into any strength.

Inchespe, the international trading group, rose 7p to 488p after publication of a review of the company by Smith New Court. The study reveals that at least 40 per cent of group profits accrue from countries with gross domestic product growth of more than per cent a year.

British Gas firmed 25p to 251p, helped by a buy recom-mendation from Hoare Govett, the stockbroker. The shares are due to go exdividend next Friday and currently yield 32 per cent. Hoare says they are still attractive to income funds.

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New York — Wall Street share Alan Ackerman, executive prices moved lower after trad-vice-president at Reich and prices moved lower after trading opened but were off the Co. The feeling is now that the Fed is unlikely to lower worst levels towards the end of the morning. The market was rates before the November 3 influenced by weak bond election." By late morning, the prices and concern that the Federal Reserve might not Dow Jones industrial average was off 16.48 points at lower rates in the near future. 3.159.55.

"Stocks have just fallen on ☐ Frankfurt — Renewed worries about low profit prospects the Fed's failure to follow in Germany's key automotive through on a rate cut," said

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Tokyo - Shares ended lower in siuggish trade. Pro-gramme linked selling related to settlement of October op-tions exerted downward pressure on the market but public fund-buying helped to check losses. "Considering it is options settlement day, turnover appears to be rather small," a broker said. "People retreated to the sidelines." The Nikkei index fell by 275.73 points to 17,059.78, with 480 million (Reuter) shares traded.

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and chemical sectors weighed on the market. The Dax index ended 11.46 points lower at 1.439.66

Hong Kong - Rumours that a Sino-American trade dispute could soon be resolved boosted share prices shortly before the morning close. The Hang Seng index ended the short week 41.18 points up at 5.596.71.

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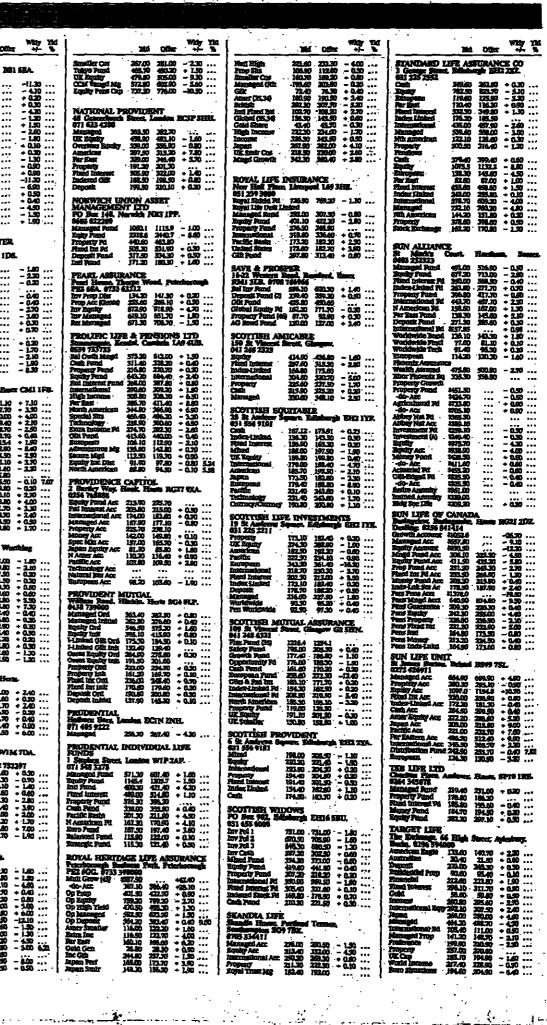
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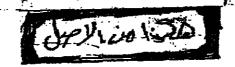
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anks constantly claim that the days when a cheque could be bounced hours before a regular payment arrived in a current account are long past. Staff have been trained, know what annoys customers and get it "right first time". If only this were true.

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While banks are spending millions of pounds on the service ethic and trying to please, there are still staff who seem not to know that they are supposed to be there to help

customers, not humiliate them. Barclays carried out research this summer on every aspect of banking, down to what sort of doors its customers wanted. It found that disabled people the elderly and mothers with babies in buggies did not want heavy revolving doors at their branches.

However, the message of how to treat customers has not got through to all the counter staff. One reader, who has been a customer of Barclays for a long time, is disabled and cannot use cash dispensers. Her monthly money was due in on Saturday, October 3, yet when she

Banks must help, not humiliate

Friday from her overdrawn account. the counter clerk refused her request.

The young man, who knows the customer and her account history, refused steadfastly to let her have the money to pay her deaning woman, knowing that she would be unable to get it until the bank opened on Monday.

Her small overdraft had been charged for by the bank and the account was going back into the black the following day. One might have thought that, for the sake of customer relations, even an ablebodied person would have been able to withdraw money a day early, let alone someone who is disabled.

Reducing a disabled customer to tears in her local branch is the tactic of a bullyboy, not a bank. It is small consolation that the

chairman's office was able to sort out her problem immediately after she.



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

had contacted The Times. At the time, she was so upset that she could barely talk. She wanted to regain the self-respect that she had lost in her local branch and fight her own battle. Head office came up trumps and made sure she got her money straightaway.

Maybe the next stage should be to improve cash dispensers to help disabled customers to use them. One building society is taking a lead on this. It has installed the first cash card machine to help both wheel-chair-bound and visually impaired customers. The cash dispenser, at the Gateshead branch, of Northern Rock is fitted with Braille keys, has bold colours and lettering on the screen and keys to help the visually impaired and can be reached by people in wheelchairs.

It is about time thought was given to improving the machines. The other way banks conspire to upset customers is in their refusal to accept that dispensers can be faulty. The banking code has not improved matters. It was supposed to put the onus on the banks to prove that customers were negligent if their cards were used to withdraw money

without their knowledge. Banks and building societies are, however, united in refusing to refund money in many cases. If the money was withdrawn and the computer record says the card was used, the customer must have been careless, they say.

Royal delays

t is almost exactly two years since Bob Kissane, a Royal Life salesman, was charged with 13 counts of obtaining property by deception. He stole millions of pounds from investors who believed that lump sums from remortgaging their homes would go into Royal Life investment bonds. Mr Kissane told investors that the bond would generate enough income to cover mortgage repayments and pay premiums on Royal Life endowments taken out at the same time (a useful extra commission for himself). Some of the money was duly invested but most of it disappeared into Mr Kissane's bank account.

Edited by Lindsay Cook

He was jailed earlier this year but more than 100 of his 400 clients are still waiting for Royal to agree compensation. Every day, arrears mount on their mortgages, taken out on Mr

Kissane's advice. This week events took a more dangerous turn. At least one lender, The Mortgage Corporation, indicated that its patience was running out. There has been an exchange of letters with Royal, as TMC urges it to settle compensation terms with 32 TMC borrowers who are behind with repayments - in some cases by two or three years.

TMC says it has not yet repossessed the homes of any former Kissane clients. But it is unlikely to wait forever, and neither are the other lenders involved. The longer Royal delays, the larger the arrears grow. In some cases, even a settlement might not cover the debts. Royal needs to hurry up and sort out acceptable repayments for the remaining victims.

Five years after Black Monday, unit trust performance tables are set to soar ahead

Funds leave behind bitter memory of the Crash

Lindsay Cook explains why some funds will show a rise of 150%

over the course of this month

THE fifth anniversary of the stock market Crash this Octo-ber 19 marks the watershed for many investment houses. They will be able to leave poor or indifferent investment performance figures behind and to start quoting their returns after the Crash. In extreme cases the performance will be more than 150 per cent better over five years from the end of October than it was at the

beginning of the month. Unit trusts, bound by their regulator to quote five-year performance figures should get a new lease of life as they leave behind the wreckage of the Crash, when stock markets around the world collapsed.

Wall Street fell 508 points in one day and London's FT-SE index 250 points. Unit trust investors were unable to deal at any price. Phone lines had been damaged by the storms time City nerves were restored, unit prices bad fallen by as much as 25 per cent.

At the time, it was estimated that the people of Great Brit-ain saw £102.5 billion wiped off their collective fortunes. The losses and the volatile markets that followed caused a gain of 86 per cent after

many investors to return to building societies and banks. Unit trust sales have been in the doldrums since, with net outflows for several months and small inflows in others. This August net unit trust sales were just £56 million after two months' of negative outflows. This is less than a twentieth of the September 1987 figure the highest recorded. Unit trust sales peaked

when the market was rising steadily, month on month, and the funds could advertise performance over a matter of weeks or months. Marketing rules imposed by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation un-der the Financial Services Act limit groups to using five-year statistics. This is intended to give a long term view for long term investments. But it has dragged down the perforthe previous Friday.-By-the ... mance tables for unit trusts and left the majority of sharebased funds out in the cold. In the five years to the beginning of October gilt funds took half of the top 50 places.

The best performing fund



Screens full of red lines, silent telephones, no buyers: the scene at Barclays de Zoete Wedd on Black Monday, 1987

charges. By the end of the month the five-year performance figure for the same fund should — barring another Crash—show it up more than 200 per cent according to figures calculated for Weekend Money by Micropal, the performance monitor.

The Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies fund was the best performer over the five years to the beginning of October. But when Micropal calculated performance from over the five years to the beginning of November beginning of October showed 1987, while it was up 208 per 1987, while it was up 208 per

week, it was nudged into second place by Gartmore's Hong Kong fund, which is up 220 per cent over the four years 11 months. Over five years it is up 58 per cent.

More important for the whole unit trust industry, the average of the 901 funds with five-year performance records rises from a loss of £4.80 per £100 invested to a £30 gain. The second-placed Framlington Health fund doubles from a 70 per cent gain over five years to the beginning of October to a 149 per cent rise in

November 1987. The rises are less dramatic for investment trusts at the top of the tables, partly because they were already outperforming unit trusts. Candover Investments, in the five years to October 5,

was up 118 per cent, from

November 1 1987, to Monday, it was up 187 per cent. The average trust showed a 3p profit per £100 invested over five years and a £31.17 gain with the Crash excluded.

But the average unit and investment trust has not probuilding society account. £5,000 in the Halifax 90-Day Xtra account from the Crash to yesterday would now be worth 7.071 or an extra £41.42 per

Those investing the maximum £1,000 in the 33rd issue of National Savings certificates after the Crash have a tax-free gain of £402.40 when they cash in the matured certificates on October 21.

Over five years, the investment sector that has done best is fixed interest according to Micropal, with a rise of 35 per cent, followed closely by gilt funds with 30 per cent. When the Crash comes out of the statistics, it is a very different story. The Far East, excluding Japan, is up 18 per cent over five years and 125 per cent over four years and 11 months. North American unit trusts have risen 15 per cent over five years and 59 per cent over four years 11 months. The poorest-performing sector over five years is commodity and energy with funds, down on average 48 per cent. Over four years 11 months, they are over four years and 11 months are financial and property funds, down 46 per cent. In the UK, the FT-SE index of the top 100 companies has risen from 1,801 on October

21 to 2,541 last night. This 41 per cent rise in share prices excludes dividend income. Despite the turnaround in performance statistics from the end of the month, the investment industry does not expect a rush into equities

either through funds or directly when the Crash leaves the five-year performance tables. There is a move back to basics and security with easy-to-understand funds and products that guarantee to return all or most of the capital after a fixed period whatever hap-pens in the markets. This week the markets gave a little reminder of Black Monday with a 100-point fall in the FT-SE

on Monday and Wall Street off 100 points in early trading. UK investors who bought after the fall and others who sat tight had their faith rewarded. The 100-point loss was restored by Friday morning.

cent at the beginning of this Rich pickings for the brave

INVESTING a lump sum in UK equities through a unit trust or investment trust just after the Crash would have paid off more handsomely after five years than taking out a regular monthly savings plan. But most of those who wanted to shield themselves from the worst of market volatility with a regular savings scheme would still have seen their investment grow.

However, the last thing most investors were thinking of just after the Crash was putting money into equities, fund management groups say. Judy Delaforce, product development manager at Fidelity. said: "There was a lot of shock selling. People were either staying put or selling and they were worried about the market going down further."

Those who did have the nerve to commit lump sums to equities just when the whole system appeared to be disintegrating have seen their investment grow, in most cases, by several thousand pounds.

By buying when the market was low they got more cheap units for their money. Because their original investment was larger, they benefited more as the market rose. Those with regular savings schemes have had more months when units were expensive as the market recovered than cheap months when the market was poor.

The big advantage of a regular savings scheme, however, is that investors do not have to guess when the market is at-its lowest. Whenever they invest, they benefit either from cheap units when the market is low or growth when the market is buoyant. This is known as "pound cost

averaging. Weekend Money asked leading unit trust and investment trust groups to calculate the value of a £5.900 lump sum investment made on October 21, 1987, in a UK equity trust. They were also asked to calculate how much the same investment made in monthly

instalments of £100 a month for each of the 59 months since the Crash would be worth this week. The figures assume that all income is reinvested.

A lump sum investment of £5,900 in Fidelity's UK Growth and Income would have risen to £7.271 by this week. A similar lump sum put into M&G's General Fund would now be £6,844. The same amount invested in £100 monthly instalments would have earned £6,258 in Fideli-

ty's fund and £6,009 in M&G's fund. Both these funds invest mainly in UK blue chip companies. Save & Prosper's Scotyield fund. which aims to produce in-come, nevertheless has the highest proportion of blue chip stocks of all the company's funds. The £5,900 himp sum investment would have grown to £6,638. The equivalent invested regularly would

have fallen to £5,635. Investors in funds with holdings in more volatile

House prices soared — and then slumped

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

HOUSE prices continued to rise dramatically in the South East and East Anglia after the Crash and more steadily throughout the rest of the country. In the year to Octo-ber 1987, house price inflation was put at 14.5 per cent by the Halifax. In Greater London the annual rate was 25 per cent, just behind the East Anglia figure of 27

per cent. Estate agents, at the time said that the stock market crash had demonstrated the value of bricks and mortar as a steady and reliable investment. Falls of 30 per cent or more since then and the Halifax house price index fall of 3 per cent in September alone

show this was not the case Most home owners have lost far more through falling house prices since they peaked in late 1988 than they did through the stock market collapse. John Wriglesworth of UBS Phillips & Drew estimates that the value of residential properties has fallen by up to £150 billion since the

The steady reduction in interest rates after the crash fuelled the housing market as buy a flat or house, fearing that if they delayed they would lose out.

Standard mortgage rates fell to 9.8 per cent the following spring when bank base rates came down briefly to 7.5 1988's Budget announce-ment that tax relief would be limited to one allowance per property for those bought after August 1 propelled large numbers of young people into

the housing market and

pushed prices up further and In August, the bubble burst. Not only had the multiple tax relief deadline passed but mortgage interest rates increased by 1.75 per cent in one jump. Slowly realism came into the market. Between October and the end of January 1989 prices in London fell 3 per cent. Prices in the North continued to rise while the South calmed down

and then along with East Anglia began to fall badly. Large numbers of people who bought properties after the Crash have homes worth less than their mortgages and no prospect of rising prices in the near future to bale them

smaller companies would have done less well, but those with lump sums would still have outperformed their regular savings plan counterparts. M&G's Capital fund, which aims to produce growth rather than income, has turned a lump sum investment of £5,900 into £6,147. Save & Prosper's UK equity fund, which has between 17 and 20 per cent of its portfolio in smaller companies funds, poor performers in a crashing market, reduced a lump sum investment of £5,900 to £5,609 over five years. Regular savers saw their total investment fall to £5,192, while M & G's regular savers made just £29 on their £5,900 investment over five years.

An investment trust may have been a better bet than a unit trust in the days just after the Crash. Investment trusts are companies, and the price of the share fluctuates according to demand. Just after the Crash, shares in Fleming Claverhouse blue chip fund were trading at a discount to their net asset value of up to 30 per cent, so they were 30 per

cent cheaper for investors. Investment trusts also have the advantage that they can borrow to buy more shares in the fund. Unit trusts are not allowed to do this. The Claverhouse Trust borrowed 20 per cent of the value of the fund to buy more cheap shares just after the Crash. A £5,900 hump sum invested in the Claverhouse fund on November 2 would now be worth £9.998. A monthly investment

David Smith, Flemings marketing manager, said: "Many investors were scared witless. They had been carried along on a wave of cuphoria and many didn't have a lump sum to buy shares at the bottom of the market. If you had had £5,900 you would make a bigger killing, but the pound cost averaging helps when you don't know the best time to go into the market."

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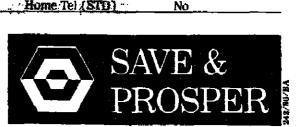
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racking down the legatees named in a will can be a far from easy business, particularly if some years have drawn up, or the beneficiaries are involved in one or two of be where a gentlemen has left

be dead, in which case the executor may have to find a near relative

This has just happened in the case of my own aunt. She was 92 and left her estate in six shares to members of the farnily of her own generation. Not surprisingly, three died before her and the will doesn't state what should happen to their shares. We've had to go back to the turn of the century to find her uncles and aunts and then trace their families to the present day looking for surviving relatives. This meant 10 family up

Tracking down beneficia-

ries or their successors can be a drain on the estate, but it is vital. "You talk to anybody who knew the deceased to check if they know where a particular beneficiary is now living. Old address books and diaries can be useful," he

ut the fact that an executor may have to thumb through very personal papers should be kept in mind when making your choice. "Telephone directories can be very helpful, but as they don't give

always hope you will be looking for someone called Lockbottle, or something else which is unusual."

Knowing someone's occu-pation helps, and personnel departments in larger firms will often be able to say where someone has moved to "You can get a certain amount of help through social services and even the Prison Commissioners."

When contacting potential egatees people need to be circumspect. "You usually start by asking them if they knew anybody who died recently full names there may be and might have left them

successfully name the deceased, it is not conclusive. They may be a relative of the person to whom the bequest was actually made, so you have to be careful."

If the person cannot be found through local contacts an advertisement may belp. Under Section 27 of the Trustee Act advertisements have to be placed in the London Gazette and, if land is involved, in a local paper in the area. You then have to wait two months and after that time the funds can be paid out to known creditors and beneficiaries." But even though the advertisement extends to beneficiaries, it affords only limited protection to the executor, if he then disperses the money and no protection to any other

Fifi L'Amour could still pur-sue the other legates for the money, plus interest and capital appreciation. Such advertisements are also expensive explains Mr Holmes: The London Gazette costs £30 plus VAT and for a local paper you could be paying between £80 and £110. "Interestingly, a freesheet would probably run the advertisement for nothing, but nobody had decided at law whether freebies count as newspapers under the Trustee

legatees who receive it.

Executors could also find themselves liable - despite the advertisement - if they could be found to be "on notice", in other words had reason to suspect missing beneficiaries were still alive. Without an advertisement the executor is automatically at risk along with the other beneficiaries. The money could be left on

A long trail through the family trees funds, but the common practice is to take out an insurance

These are usually called missing beneficiary indemnities, said Alan Norris, of Adam Brothers Contingency, a London insurance broker The cost varies depending on whether it's an 80 year old

thought to have died or some.

body in their 20s who's disap-

peared to Australia."

typical premium would probably be between 1.5 and 3 per cent depending on the risk and the sum involved. "Some underwriters will add an escalator clause but that will increase the premium," said Mr Norris. A usual condition is that no further effort is made to trace the missing legatee. There actually was a case where the son disappeared to Australia the money passed to the mother who used it to go to Australia and find the son who then claimed against the in-

surance company." Some policies also include subregation rights meaning if an insurance company has to pay out it pursues other beneficiaries for their share of the money. "Alternatively, some insurers will give straightforward indemnity without subrogation rights

But if the amount involved is small they may simply decided not to pursue," said Mr "I would always bar subro-

gation rights but if the executor is simply a friend of the family he might not even know what subrogation rights were," said Mr Holmes.

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A MAN aged 36 dies in a car crash. His wife has to split the £175,000 estate with his parents because he has not left a will. Another, whose husband also died intestate, is forced to sell the family home to release the sum the law says must be set aside for the couple's child. Both men intended to leave everything to their wives.

Anne Caborn finds

that tracing the

beneficiaries of

wills can become

a lengthy and

expensive business

elapsed since the will was

the more exotic professions.

bequests to nightclub hostess-es," explained Tony Holmes,

trustee manager with Barclays Bank Trust Company. "Our

experience is that in this sort of

job women don't use their real

names and tend to move on

after a short period of time."
But problems arise if the

unclaimed legacy is disposed of elsewhere and Fifi L'Amour

suddenly returns from an ex-

tended tour of the Far East to

claim it. The executor and

even other beneficiaries of the will can find themselves being

It is quite common for

executors to find themselves

with lists of bequests they are unable to administer. "Old

people like to remember the

friends of their youth in their

wills and quite often they don't

know a current address," said

Mr Holmes. Where the de-

ceased is elderly this can pose

an administrative nightmare.

pursued for the money.

"One such situation would

These are just two examples of why everyone should make a will the moment they have anything to leave, according to the Which? Guide to Giving and Inheriting, published this week. Jonquil Lowe, the author, says, of the seven out of 10 people who still die without leaving a Will, even those with the smallest of estates can cause their nearest and dearest unnecessary pain and expense. In an attempt to address the problem. the Law Society's annual Make a Will Week starts on Monday. Solicitors around the country are handing out leaflets, linking up with local businesses

or taking stands at local events to publicise the occasion. A survey into will-making, just completed by Mondial Assistance has been

timed to coincide with the same event. It discovered that, although younger people were naturally less inclined to make wills than older ones, there were marked regional variations. In London, for instance, the most apathetic age group was 35-40; in Birmingham it was 25-30 and, in Bristol, 30-35. Mondial said: "Despite the apparent feeling of immortality of the 20-30 age group, nearly 5,000 die every year in England and Wales alone." In the 30-40 age group, that number rises to nearly 7,000.

Also to mark Make a Will Week, Citibank has sliced £15 off the amount charged for its Will Writing service. The special fee of £34.95 is available until October 23. Citibank's Freefone Helpline is on 0800 225 226. A free booklet is also available. Charities can suffer when people die intestate. Where no close family or friends exist, people often prefer to leave their money to a worthy cause, rather than allow it to go to distant relatives, or even the State. But this is impossible unless they make their intentions clear in a will. Ms Lowe adds that bequests to charity do not attract inheritance tax and people wishing to make charitable donations in their lifetime should do so in the

most tax efficient way. She calculates charities are deprived of up to £500 million each year because people do not take advantage of available tax relief. Nearly half of the £4 billion given to charity last year was donated in the form of ad-hoc payments. Had the donors chosen instead to use a tax efficient scheme, the value of these gifts would have risen greatly. Such schemes also save money for higher rate tax

Barclays supports credit counselling

By Lindsay Cook

BARCLAYS Bank has pledged a sum of £100,000 to help support a new credit counselling service to be run on American lines. The scheme will help those in debt to pay off what they owe over a four-year period.

A network of 20 to 25 centres will be set up across the country which will arrange debt management programmes for people with debt problems. Chents will agree to pay a set amount each month to the credit counselling service. This will then be shared out among the creditors in an attempt to pay off all debts within four years.

In addition to the funding

from Barclays Bank, GE Capital, Registry Trust, a building society, and a major retailer, the creditors will also be percentage of their debt that is

Bob Potts, the managing director of Barclaycard, said: "We hope that every significant provider of consumer credit will agree to deal with the credit counselling service being set up in Leeds and allow it to deduct a percentage of the monthly sums which pass through."

Barciaycard has for the last four years sponsored a money advice support unit operating in Merseyside.

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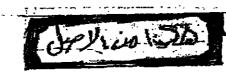
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ELDERLY people who bought home income plans to supplement their pensions then found their debt increased and their income fell now face paying up to £10,000 to use the free arbitration scheme set up to help them.

Advisers are acting for more than 100 investors who took out home income plans via Sandy Park Financial Services, a representative of DBS Financial Management. They say the arbitrator handling the case of one couple has taken nearly a year to decide the written submissions he had received were insufficient. Investors have been told they would need counsel and pay for expert witnesses. This could cost as much as £10,000, that cannot be reclaimed.

The arbitration scheme is run by Fimbra, the regulator for independent financial advisers. DBS is a member of Fimbra. An independent arbitrator, paid for by Fimbra, is appointed by the Institute of Arbitrators and can make awards of up to £50,000 binding on both sides after receiving written submissions. Investors are not normally

AT A time when many mortgage payers have been celebrating falling interest rates, recent volatility has left others

Due to unfortunate timing, mortgage customers of London & Manchester, the

insurance company, are this month fac-

ing a 0.7 per cent rate rise to 12.65 per

feeling bruised and unfairly treated.

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Chasing £30,000 lost in a home income plan: Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil

legally represented. Fimbra said some home mome plan cases were too complex to be dealt with by the scheme. Between April 1991, when the scheme started, and this June, 18 awards have been made to home income plan investors, and one to a salesman. Richard Cockroft, Fimbra's director of practice, said this

was the first time the arbitrator said he needed oral evidence in a home income plan case and other investors could be in a similar position. They did not have to hire lawyers to represent them in arbitration, but if they did, they could not claim costs or have legal aid. The case before the arbitrator was being used by the inves-

pípeline. Neil Stevens, a con-

abandoned. Writs are expected to be served next week on behalf of 28 individuals on **DBS Financial Services, DBS** Management, its parent company, and Sonja Thompson of Sandy Park Financial Services. Other writs are in the

tors' solicitors as a test case.

doubted whether L&M's borrowers would be offered the same deal now on offer from many of the building societies. HMC borrowers are luckier, this week the company said rates would fall 1.5 per cent to 9.95 per cent from January.

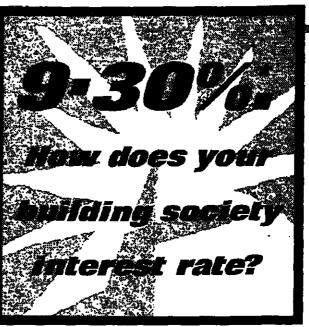
The Skipton's rates, which rose to 11.25 per cent in August, are due to come down to 10.25 per cent on October 19. Mortgage customers of National Home Loans are facing even worse problems than those with L&M.One borrower, John Taverner, who is paying 12.65 per cent, is awaiting the results of a repossession order. John Perry, NHL chairman, says he has sympathy with borrowers and advises those still with equity in their homes to change lenders.

solicitor serving the writs, said court costs may also total £10,000, but investors may get costs and legal aid. He said: The cases will be difficult. It is likely to take two years to get a hearing." Sonja Thompson sold home income plans to about 240 retired people. Mr Stevens said the average loss was about £20,000.

The couple whose case was being examined by the arbitrator had taken out a mort-gage of £35,000 on their home in August 1989 via Bradford & Bingley building society. After £8,500 had been deducted for a cash lump sum, monthly income paid, build-ing society interest for the first six months and fees the remaining £26.700 was invested in a Skandia investment bond. After just over a year the bond was worth just £15,591, allowing for income with drawals of £4,455.

In their submission, the couple said they had not been told their home was at risk and if they did not pay their mortgage. They also said their money had been invested in high risk funds. In a letter to the couple, Sonja Thompson said: "In your case especially where you will probably sell up in three years' time, there is no risk whatsoever except for a possible reduction in you capital of £2,000 to £3,000. This will be more than compensated for by the proceeds that you have had from the scheme and by an increase in your proper-

Another couple, Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil in Somerset, were waiting to see if the test case succeeded. They are now faced with going to court to get back the £30,000 they have lost and are filling in legal aid forms this week. Ken Davy, chairman of DBS Management, said: "The clients were properly advised at the time with risk warnings in writing. We are an extremly responsible firm of financial advisers. Any writ will be vigorously defended."



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cent. Borrowers who tried to get through to a helpline set up to deal with problems arising from the rise were told the line had been disconnected within days of the the first - and no one had any idea the news being communicated to customers. ERM was going to be blown apart." One said: "It was impossible to get any The L&M board, due to meet next information from the company. Manage-Wednesday, is likely to announce a rate ment was unavailable, and the people who answered the phone just advised us to write in. I understand they get their fi-

F&C starts one-stop Pep trust FOREIGN & Colonial investors will for the first time be able to use their £6,000 nersonal equity plan allowance to invest in one of its trusts with the launch of PEP Investment Trust this week. Income and capital gains from Peps are tax free (Sara McConnell writes).

The trust has been designed to comply with the rule that investment or unit trusts held within a Pep have to have 50 per cent of their assets in UK or EC equities. The company's eight existing trusts, including the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, have the majority of their assets in overseas equities. Only £1,500 of the annual Pep allowance can be put into such non-qualifying investment trusts.

The portfolio of the Pep Investment Trust will contain about 50 stocks. F&C's Jeremy Tigue said he expected FT-SE 100 shares to constitute three quarters of the portfolio. Investors have until October 23 to apply for shares in the offer for the trust. Only ordinary shares will be held in the trust, which



Trying to cope with high-cost loans

nance from the money markets, But 1 don't see how that justifies their rates."

Martin Jackson, L&M's finance direc-

tor, said the line had been shut because

so few customers had used it. He said

borrowers had been victims of an unfortunate sequence of events. "When

we announced the increase at the begin-

ning of September, it looked as though

rates were going to go up. The Skipton had just increased theirs — we weren't

cut to take effect before the end of the

year. But though this would probably be

larger than the recent rise, Mr Jackson

Reflecting high earnings: Jeremy Tigue of Foreign & Colonial

aims to achieve long-term capital and income growth. Mr Tigue believes most of the offer will be taken up by private investors. Those applying before October 23 and opting to put some or all of their investment into a Pep

£50 initial Pep charge, but there will be a £60 annual Pep

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will not have to pay the normal **Cascade of cuts from** the Bristol & West

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next 15 months. It is the second time the tenth-largest society has guaranteed to reduce payments over a number of months. The last offer was made two years ago, when mortgage rates were still at 14.5 per cent.

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Over the 13 months, the

Savings were relatively modest but peace of mind was a greater benefit, the society says. On a £60,000 endowment mortgage, the saving was £270 over the 13 months, taking the arrangement fee

into account. This time, the rate falls to 9.75 per cent from December 1 and to 9.25 per cent from March. In June, a 0.25 per cent reduction comes into play, followed by similar cuts in September and December next year. Finally, in March 1994, the rate falls to 7.99 per cent before reverting to the society's standard variable rate

in June of that year. Bristol & West is cutting its standard mortgage rate to 10.24 per cent for existing borrowers on December 1. New borrowers get that rate immediately. It is 0.25 per cent higher than most other

There is a £195 administration fee for the Cascade mortgage. The society also offers a two-year fixed rate mortgage at 9.75 per cent and a five-year one at 10.5 per cent.



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Going really independent solved the commission fee on an annuity

From Mr P. Sutton Sir, The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation Buyer's Guide states that "An independent adviser acts on his client's behalf in recommending a product from the ranges of all companies that make up the

market place". Since the independent "adviser" is usually a broker who carns his living from sales commissions, which vary be-tween products and com-panies, this sounds too good to

be true — and it is. I recently sought quotations for a retail prices index-linked annuity for an aged relative One tried to sell a new,

complicated and expensive product not retail prices index-linked. Another, the financial services arm of a bank, said they could not find retail prices index-linked product. Only one found and quoted for . what I wanted.

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Of course, Equitable do not pay commission, so none of these "advisers" would offer their policies. Yours faithfully, P.SUTTON. 9 Fairview Drive, Hythe, Southampton.

Long wait for Pearl bonus statement

From Mr John Andrews Sir, In August you wrote a lead article criticising Pearl Assurance, and reported that all the company's policyholders could expect to receive their 1992 bonus statements by the end of that month.

I attach a copy of a letter to my local Pearl office: I received a reply from the office manager, a Mrs Bonner, dated September 16 and stating that the 1991 bonus statements have only recently been received by us from our chief office" and that she had instructed Mr Thompson (my local representative whom I have never met) to forward my

statement. I have still not heard from Mr Thompson. A telephone call today found Mrs Bonner (and Mr Gifford, who does. I am assured, exist) both out of the office.

The lady who took my call apologised most profusely and agreed that it was her bad fortune to work for Pearl Assurance, but could do no more than promise to pass on my complaint Yours faithfully. JOHN LANDREWS, Ravenswood. Palmers Lane, Burghfield Common,

Mortgages linked to Libor could fall

Reading,

Berks.

From Mr Peter Snowdon Sir, We write further to an article in your newspaper published on Saturday September 26, 1992, under the title "Centralised lenders take their

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PETER SNOWDON. Manager of London Branch, Kreditioreningen, Danmark, The Mortgage Credit Association, Denmark, London Office 43 New Bond Street,

Courts can order lenders to allow home sales

From Mr G. Greenhouse, Sir, In your article of September 26, "New Year Cheer for Millions of Home Buyers" you refer to the 1.5 million borrowers whose homes are worth less than their mortgages and cannot move unless

they pay the difference between the loan and value of the property.

In July of this year the Court of Appeal ordered a mortgage company to allow the sale of a property notwithstanding the sale proceeds would be less than the outstanding mort-gage. The court stated it had wide unfettered discretion which could be exercised at any time having due regard to

the interests of all concerned. Accordingly any of your readers who are in difficulty should take legal advice. Yours faithfully, G.GREENHOUSE, Greenhouse Stirton & Co., Solicitors.

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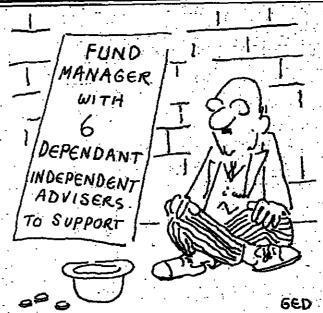
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Leasehold reform

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Most leaseholders have paid large premiums for their leases, and the longer they have been in occupation the more likely they are to have invested large sums in their homes. Leaseholders as freeholders are entitled to improve upon the situation in which they bought their leases, and use any gain they make to buy a similar home if they sell.

Parliament acknowledged in 1967 that it was quite indefensible that "the law should allow the ownership of a house to revert to the freeholder without his paying anything for it so that he gets not only the land but also the house, the improvements and everything the leaseholder and his predecessors have added to it." But the rateable value restriction on leasehold enfranchisement has allowed this situation to persist.

For leaseholders denied the rights of the 1954 Landlord and Tenant Act and the 1967 Leasehold Reform Act, this has resulted in the enrichment of ground landlords at their tentants' expense. In 1984, the government accepted the taking of property, without compensation, would not be justifiable under Article I of Protocol No 1 of the European Convention of Human Rights. Despite this, nothing has been done to redress this. situation, until now.

The government's present proposals on the cost of enfranchisement in forthcoming legislation, derive from the special valuation basis amendment introduced at a late stage into the 1974 Housing Bill in the House of Lords.

hold Parliament's majority view in 1967 that the costs of enfranchisement should be determined according to the principle that "in equity the bricks and mortar belong to the qualified leaseholder and the land to the landlord." Yours faithfully, PATRICIA LODER DYER,

Prompt payment

From Mr L.F. Mitchell Sir. My experience in receiving payments on endowment policies is in marked contrast to that of R.J. Hobdell (Weekend Money October 3).

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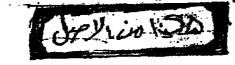


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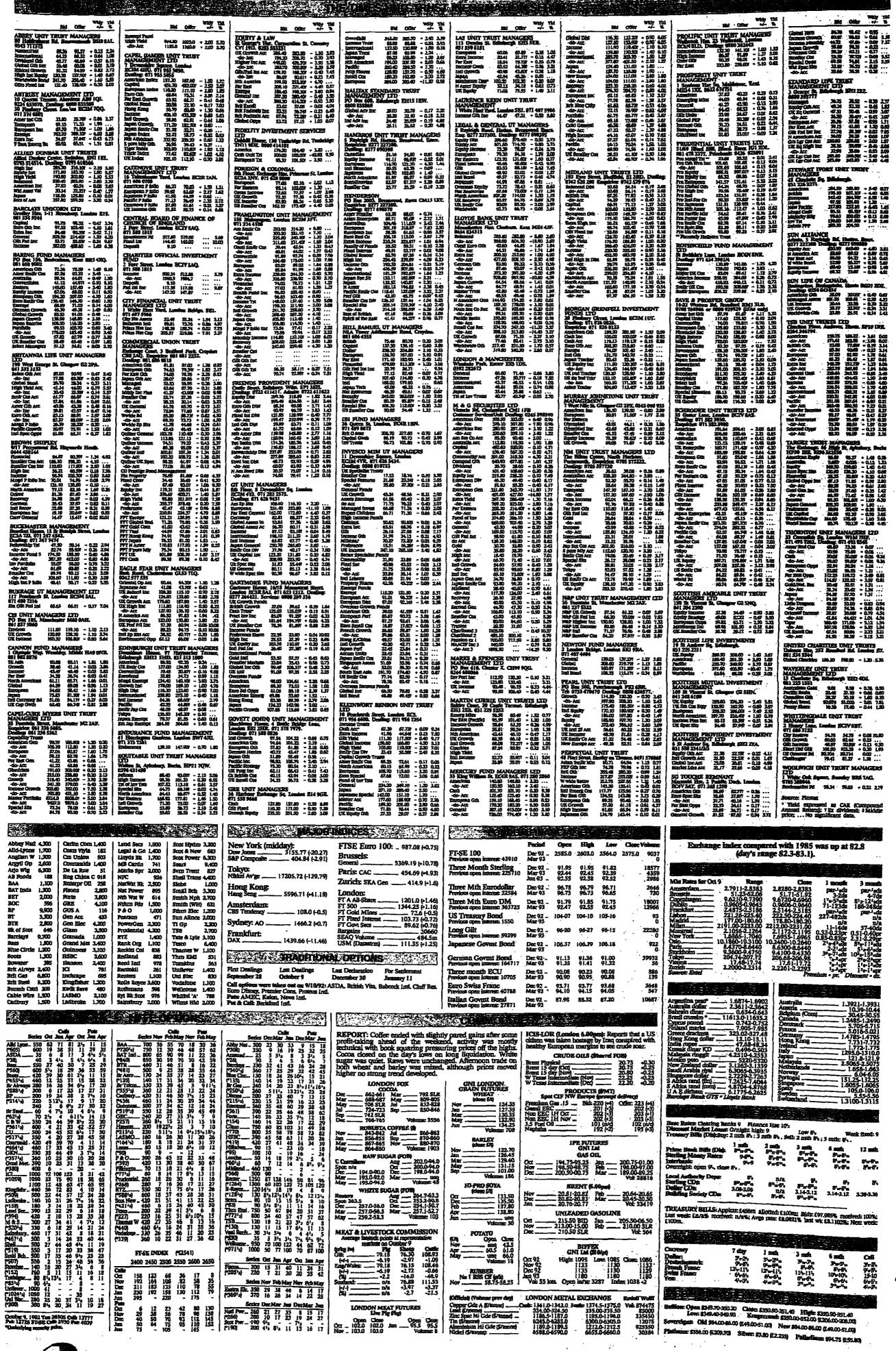
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RUGBY UNION

Northampton welcome back Hunter

Bath are using new laws to good effect

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

IF ANDY Robinson, Bath's forthright captain, is correct, the only English club which has genuinely come to terms with the law changes this season is his own. Certainly Northampton, who Bath meet today at Franklins Gardens in a Courage Clubs Championship encounter which could have a decisive bearing on the first division championship outcome, are not about to dispute it.

Northampton were many people's tips this season, if not for the title then as dark horses in the championship race. But their form has been

disappointing.
"Perhaps other people's expectations exceeded our own," Barrie Corless, their director of coaching, said. "We have always been slow starters. This season we have been coming to terms with the new laws and we have found that other clubs are playing negative, spoiling rugby against us.

In consequence it has been difficult to establish the pattern of play we have been used to over the last couple of seasons. And people should remember we have had only two seasons in the first divireally played well up at Northsion; we are still learning. ampton but this time we have to take the game to them and

"When we reached the first division our aim was to get to where Bath were but they haven't stood still. Every year they take another stride for-ward. They looked vulnerable for a time last season but they came back. Our Cup game with them was probably the best, in some ways, that we played - and we still lost They have so many good players throughout the side that it's very difficult to plan a

The point is illustrated this week. Bath have been able to rest two England internationals. John Hall and Nigel Redman. "I feel we are clearly way above every other team in the division at the moment." Robinson said, and Bath do not make such statements idly. "We are the only side of the 13 who know how to play to the rewritten laws. They suit our

game against them."

Worryingly for all the others. Robinson believes that Bath have put their game together only in ten-minute bursts in their two league matches so far. "We haven't

goal is promotion An old Lion wise in

Hare's next

the ways of the rugby union jungle speaks

to Michael Austin

MORE than one coach in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship has suggested that the relegation of seven clubs has prompted panic rughy, a game played more through fear of failure than anticipation of success.

At Nottingham, however. Dusty Hare, the club's direc-tor of rugby, is just as unflappable as the February day in 1980 when he kicked the wide-angled penalty goal which beat Wales 9-8 and set England on the way to the grand slam.

Today, Nottingham, top of the table with three victories. travel to meet Newcastle Gosforth, winners of both previous league matches, in a game highly relevant to the struggle for the one available

promotion place.

Hare, the world record points scorer with 7.191. including 240 in 25 matches for England, is a realist. Not many administrators would have greeted the news philo-sophically that Chris Gray. the Scotland lock and a mammoth influence on the Nottingham pack, was injured and would not play.

"It is just another chall-enge," Hare said. "Throughout my playing career with Newark, Nottingham, Leicester, England and the British Isles, I was not associated with a team which struggled and I am not starting that now."

Hare, a sheep farmer and one-time Nottinghamshire cricketeer, has a two-year contract worth around £25.000 per annum. His brief, with the unpaid help of Neil Mantell, the first team coach and former England lock, is to restructure the club, foster the under-19 and under-21 teams and take the senior side back into the first

After seven years in the top echelons of merit table and league rugby, Nottingham were relegated last season. Their injury list was lengthy and three international players. Hodgkinson, Rees, and Gray, appeared together in



only one of the 12 league games. Alan Davies, the club coach, took up duties with Wales, which only added to the turmoil.

Three England players, Andrew, Oti and Moore, had long disappeared to London. and other talented players. Back. Hackney and Thorneycroft, had also gone. Instead of lamenting that. Nottingham appointed Hare with the inbuilt priority of forging links with clubs in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire.

Tony Butcher, the club chairman, said: "A few of us believed we had been skating

on thin ice for a long time by not developing youngsters. The national pool of top players is so over-fished and to attract them, you must be in the first division anyway." lack of players.

Stuart Potter and Wayne Kilford joined Leicester within days of Nottingham going down, which Hare expected. "What hurt me was Matt Greenwood moving to Wasps and John Wilby switching to Leeds almost on the registra-tion deadline." Hare said. "We had no time to cover their loss. But that is the new law of the jungle."

While the league activity goes on, Roger Whittaker, a contemporary of Hare in the Nottingham side, has taken charge of the younger teams. who last season cancelled more than 30 games through

The under-21s have exceeded 40 points twice in three games and the burgeoning youth squad includes seven colts who have played at divisional level. Hare is looking towards the future by investing time in schools and working with youth develop-ment officers. As for the present, he will have a clearer impression of the club's promotion potential after today's match.

Selectors reward first win

FROM CHRIS THAU IN TOULOUSE

THE selection, virtually en masse, of the team which bear Pau in midweek for the South Africans' match against Mid-Pyrenees today, reflects the delight of the management that the touring team was able to end its sequence of three consecutive defeats since returning to international

"We burst the bubble." the hooker. Harry Roberts, said. 'We lost to New Zealand. Australia and the first French side in Bordeaux. It became oppressive. We almost got used to the idea of defeat. The pressure was on us. Now we are really starting the tour."

John Williams, the South Africa coach, said he had told the players before the tour that they would have little time to adjust to the demands of international rugby. "This is a short tour and each player in contention will have only one chance," he said. "If they blow it they will have to live with it

"I told them there was no use coming back trying to blame someone else. I know it's unfair, especially for the guys who played in the first game, but as I told them, if you can't live with pressure you must not be in this game." Williams said the perfor-

mances in the two tour games had perplexed him. We have first a side unable to control the game, making error after error, losing on a sunny, dry day in Bordeaux, and then a team that won in the mud, against an equally strong if not stronger selection in Pau. And all that with the first international only one week

Williams said the team which beat Pau "answered magnificently to the challenge. The quality of the loose ball improved dramatically. but above everything else the spirit is different. Suddenly the players found the missing urgency"

Naas Botha, the captain. who replaces Hennie le Roux. is the only change from the winning side, but others could follow if the rekindled fire goes out again.

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NATCH BY MATCH GUIDE

Courage Championship First division

Bristol v Saracens Bristol V Saracens
Bristol give Becconsall, 19, his
debut at scrum haif in an otherwise
unchanged side. The former
England colt replaces the injured
Bracken for a game which has
lended to go with home advantage.
Digrose remains in Saracens' back
row in the continued absence of
Crawley, Reed plays on the wing. Harlequins v L Scottish Carling and Evens return to the Harlequins centre while Kilick reptaces the injured Moore at hooker. His opposite number, Gilchrist (who reptaces Marri is the only Scottish

Leicester v West Hartlepool Both clubs are unchanged, even though both lost last weekend, but only by one and three points respectively Leicester remain without Rory Underwood (on holiday) for their first league meeting with West Hartlepool.

Northampton v Bath Northampton lost to Bath in league and cup last season but have Hunter and cup last season our nave rumer back at hill back tor what is this weekend's featured match on television. Beal reverts to centre and Packman to the wing, Allen comes in at prop. Bath prefer Haag to Redman and Robinson's inclusion at come and find or mean. Offender

Orrell v London Irish Orrell welcome back Southern, ther former captain, to prop: he joins Taylor in the front row after a back injury to Hitchen. Welliams (centre) and Halsall (wing) join the back division against an irish side which includes Burke at standful!

Rugby v Wasps
The England under-21 wing,
Bromley, returns for Rugby and Charles
plays No. 8 against an unchanged
Wasps team enjoying its leadership of
the first division.

Heineken League First division Bridgend v Newport Driugettu v Newpolis Bridgend, with only one win in five garnes and having dismissed their management teem this week Introduce Windle and Thomas on the wings; Demck makes his league debut at flanker. Newport switch Westwood and McCracken at full hard, end wing representable for a reback and wing respectively, but are without George.

Llanelli v Cardiff Entrician V Carrotts
Entry Laws misses the game after
injuring a shoulder while playing for
Wales on Wednesday. Quinnell is
also absent and Phil Davies moves to
the back row with Perego and Lyn
Jones, Pugh coming in at lock. Cardiff,
in the most significant test of their
successful season, bring Hall (centre)
and Booth (scrum hall) fino the
back division and Taylor (No. 8) and
Humphries (hooker) into the pack.

Neath v Aberavon

Neath v Abertavon
Two hookers called Philips are
restored: Kevin, the lormer Wales
hooker, leads Neath after
recovering from a back injury and
Leighton comes into Abertavon's
front row. Burnford earns a league
debut for Neath, who play Paul
Jones at No 8, while Abertavon change
both half backs because of injury. Pontypool v Swansea

blow them away."

Seeking solace for North-

ampton, their coach, Glenn Ross, believes that this week's

training, incorporating heavy

scrummaging duty, was the

best this season and they have

Hunter will join his Eng-land colleagues at Castle Croft

this evening and the side to play Canada will be named

tomorrow. The Canadians arrive on Monday and will

play Rosslyn Park on Tuesday

evening in a conditioned

game of four 20-minute spells.

touring party passes through England tomorrow. The Aus-

tralians, the world champions,

touch down at Gatwick en

route to Dublin to start their

visit to Ireland and Wales.

Their first match is against

☐ Thurrock, the fourth divi-

sion club, have been penalised

two points for fielding an

ineligible player.

☐ Jason Ball, the former

Wales squad centre, has left

Neath and joined Swansea.

Leinster next Saturday.

Another, and rather better,

Ian Hunter fit once more.

Pontypool v Swansca
Pontypool's record against the
league champions is as good as any,
but half backs Jonathan and
Philips left this week to add to the
club's problems with indifferent
form. Harson plays at stand-off with
Carr at full back and Spitier
replacing the suspended flanker. Vince
Davies. Swansca give Taylor and
Weatherley games at wing and scrum
half and Jenkins returns at hooker.

Ponetypic del. W. Hoosetor. Pontypridd v Maesteg Pontypridd's captain, Bezani, was sent off last week so John leads from

sour hast and James comes in at prop for a game in which Pontypndd did the double last season, though Maesteg have proved a handful for most opponents this season. S W Police v Newbridge The Police v Newbridge
The Police conceded 65 points to
Cardiff last week and suffered the
flushration of watching players
qualified for them performing well in
other clubs' sides They have yet to
win, but Newbridge have only one
victory to their credit and are
without Rees, and Waters

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

Bristol v Saracens Northamoton v Rath

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Bath v Hampstead; Buckhurst Hill v kenton; Hitchin v Hillcrott, Landon University v Purley, Second di-vision: Southempton v Tassfield, Orpington v Beckenham, Purley A v Enfield, Kenton v Hill-weit A

FOOTBALL

Bradford v Burnley (12:00).

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND:
Premier division (2:00: Cork. Cork. Cry v Bray
Wanderers, St Parick's All-letic v Deny City.
Sigo Rovers v Drogheda United; Waterford
v Shetbourne
FA CUP; Third qualifying round: Solibuil
Borough v Braintree (2:30): Wesidstone v
Degenham and Redbridge

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WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Dor-caster Belies v Ipswich Town, Maldistone Tigresses v Arsenal, Starton Pangers v Milwell Lionesses, Red Star Southampton v Bronte, Windbledon v Knowsley.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Second round: Ebbw Vale v Abergavenny Thursdays.

Blackheath v Gordon (Aus) (3 00)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP (3 00 unless stated) First division: Castleford v Wiches (3 30), Hallfax v Sheffeld, Hull KR v

Widnes (3.30), Hallian v Sheimed, Huff RH v Leigh (3.15): Saliord v Waterfeld; St. Helens v Huf; Wigan v Leedt. Second division: Bramley v Featherstone (3.30): Rochdele v Dichem: Service v London Cusaders. Third division: Barrow v Chorley (2.30): Blackgood v Whitereven (2.30), Devesbury v Nottingtem (3.30). Highlield v Belley. Rysdale-York v Doncaster (3.15). Workington v Hunslet.

HOCKEY

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Bradford v Burnley (12.00).

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Neath v Aberavon Pontypool v Swansea . Pontypndd v Maesteg South Wales Police v Second division Dunvant v Llanharan

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POURTH DIVISION: Cardiff Curns v Citynydd Cardigan v Cowyn Bay, Carmar-then v Gamdiffath, Rothin v kudwelly, Vardire v Burth Wells, Ysiradgyntas v Tendu

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Sparlanc Penzante Newton v Tiverton
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v Bedworth Westeigh v Syston, Second division: Broad Street v Biggleswade, Burton v Bedford Athletic, Acresley v

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By a Special Correspondent

JOHN Whitaker and Henderson Grannusch had another win at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday when they completed the fastest clear round in the jump-off for the DHL London Classic.

On Thursday, they had won the Coomes Bookmakers' Speed Stakes from David Broome; yesterday, they pipped Geoff Billington with Corona — also winners here on Thursday — to the £1,000 first prize by just under a

12-year-old who helped Whitaker to gain the national championship at Stoneleigh in July, responded brilliantly to the right turns demanded of her against the clock yesterday. They were third to go in the jump-off but none could better their time. "There were so many to come behind me (in the jump-off) that I knew we'd have to do something quite good to win it" Whitaker

Alan Oliver had designed an unusual course for the competition. With the exception of the first, all the fences were either doubles or trebles. However, the concentration of combinations did not cause the riders as much trouble as expected and 17 horses more than half the field -

went clear in the first round. In a dramatic finish to the first international competition yesterday, the Woodhouse Challenge, James Fisher achieved the fastest clear James Fisher round on the 13-year-old Monterrey. Last to go of the 39 runners in the speed class, Fisher clipped more than a second off Mark McCourt's already fast time on Rossport Aquila. "Monterrey doesn't have a very orthodox style," Fisher said, "but he is very fast across a fence and he tries

Like many other riders, Fisher found that the course, with its tight turns, did not ride as well as he had expected. Some of the most experienced riders had problems, including Nick Skelton, last year's top prize-money winner at Wembley, who had the eighth fence, an upright, down with Everest Major

John Whitaker lowered two fences with Henderson Fonda and his brother, Michael, going near the end of the class, was unlucky to knock down the first part of the treble after a perfectly controlled round on Henderson My Monsieur. He had set the fastest time, but it was bettered immediately by

Following another fast round by the Frenchman, Jean Marc Nicolas, who collected four faults. Fisher wrapped up the class with his spirited performance on Monterrey.

The Argentine-bred Monterrey had suffered from a damaged tendon after the show at Wembley last year, but made a comeback in April to finish second in the grand prix in Camalou, France.

Fisher, 30, won the class from a group of talented younger riders, including McCourt and Paul Sutton. MICCOURT and Path Stittori.

RESULTS: DHL London Classic: 1. Henderson Granusch (J. Whitaker), 31 51sec, 0 fits; 2, Corona (G. Bilington), 32, 7, 0, 3, Pock du Tarlon (J. Lessens, Bell., 33,67, 0. Woodhouse Challenge: 1. Monterrey (J. Fesher), 48, 96, 0; 2. Rossport Aquile (M. McCourt), 5034, 0, 3, Wesseer Fields of Atherny (P. Sutton), 52, 0, 0 Hunters: Lightweight: 1, Lady A Harmer's Mere Luck; 2, Mrs D Turner's The Graduate Middleweight: 1, R Creber's Kings Warrior; 2, Mr and Mrs R Perry's Galveston. Heavyweight: M Dawe's Höbo.

HOCKEY

Southgate's chance to strengthen base

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE Pizza Express National League has been reduced this weekend because a large number of Welsh and Scottish players from English clubs will be in Olten. Switzerland, for the Intercontinental Cup

qualifying tournament. Five fixtures have been postponed until November 19, and six remain.

In the two first division matches today. Southgate have a chance to build on their 3-1 win over Havant last week when they entertain Trojans. Havant, with David Roberts returning from a one-match suspension, should have a more stable defence when they visit **Bromley**. Waugh and Grimes are unavailable for Southgate.

East Grinstead, having beaten Canterbury 2-1 last week, take on Surbiton, the other promoted team, tomorrow. Surbiton gave a good account of themselves when losing 4-2 last Sunday to Hounslow and should push East Grinstead to the limits of their powers.

In the only other first division match tomormy Welton are at home to St Albans, who lost 4-1 last week to Old Loughtonians, for whom Nick Thompson did all the scoring. Welton themselves lost 1-0 to Cannock but should have a slight edge over St Albans.

For the Olten tournament. which starts on Monday, Wales are in an easy pool with Austria, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. In the other pool Scotland should overcome Denmark and Italy, but will have difficulty getting past Belgium who defeated Wales twice last week in Brussels. Only one team will qualify outright for the Intercontinen-

tal Cup next year in Poland. The Welsh Hockey Association is trying its own experiment at short corners by insisting that the initial hit from the line be taken from a fixed point ten yards away

SQUASH RACKETS

Improving Jackman has chance to topple Devoy

Vancouver: Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, faces the most significant match of her career, against Susan Devoy, the defending champion, after beating Sue Wright here yesterday in the quarter-finals of the women's world open (Colin McQuillan writes). Few doubt that Jackman is destined to dominate the senior world game. It remains to



Jackman: stiffest test

be seen whether she can actually displace the fiercely competitive New Zealander, now 28, or wait for Devoy's retirement to create a vacancy. Devoy has progressed with

almost regal ease in this tournament. She dismissed Robyn Lambourne, of Austra-lia, 9-3, 9-4, 10-8 in a 45minute quarter-final while Jackman was dealing in far more sporadic manner with Wright

Jackman, 19, has shown that the international circuit holds few terrors for her. Since August last year, she

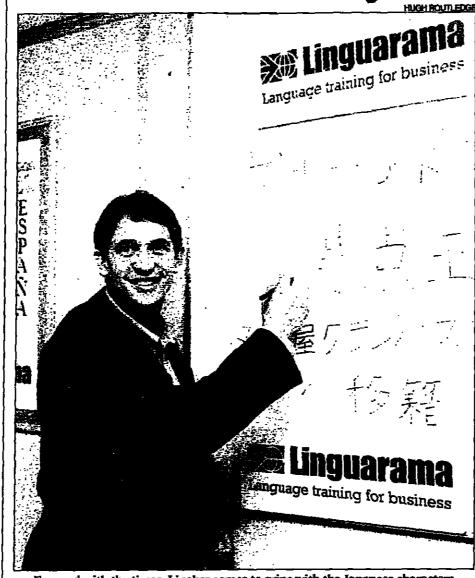
has reached three major finals and six semi-finals, lost to Devoy five times, by decreasing margins, and climbed steadily to England No. 1 and world No. 4.

She is hoping this semi-final will provide her big break-Through.

HESULTS: Quarter-linais: S Devoy (NZ) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 10-8; C Jackman (Eng) bt 5 Winght (Eng), 6-9, 9-5, 9-2, 10-8; M Metrin (Aus) bt 5 Homer (Eng), 9-6, 9-5, 9-7, M Le Moignan (Eng) bt H Wallace (Can), 9-6, 9-5, 10-8.

Andy Martin talks Japanese with England's ace goalscorer and comes off second best

Another victory for Lineker the linguist



Forward with the times: Lineker comes to grips with the Japanese characters

onichiwa, Lineker-san," I said. "Ogenki "Genki desu," Gary Lineker replied.

"Nipongo o wakari masu ka?" I thought I might have him with that one.

"Yes," he parried, "I do understand Japanese. But your accent is hopeless. Your ntonation is all wrong." Collapse of stout party.
On the strength of a smal-

tering of phrase-book Japanese. I had gone along to Linguarama to talk with the man they call "Tokuten no o" ("King of the Strikers") with exposing his pretensions to speaking the language. In-stead of which I wound up with egg on my face. After two years in Barcelo-

na, Lineker was fluent enough to work as a match analyst on Spanish television. Now, as he prepares to join Nagoya Grampus 8 in February, he is taking two three-hour classes a week in Japanese and drinking green tea at half-time. Mrs Kyoko Shimazaki, his tutor, rates him as a "natural linguist and a fast learner".

George Orwell reckoned most sports were just a substitute and a rehearsal for war. Gary Lineker, on the other hand, sees football as more of a United Nations in shorts. "Sometimes we take it too seriously, but for me it is a great game because it brings countries together for the right reasons."

He has mastered ordering

minutes or next season," in Japanese, he probably could.

ne of the reasons for Ian Rush's miserable

As Wittgenstein observed, "the limits of our language are the limits of our world".

time, but would he be able to have a row with a ref in Japanese? "I've never had a row with a ref in English yet,"

Lineker is the kind of man who naturally bows to the opponent who has just tried to rid him of one of his legs. But if he did want to say, "I'll be coming back for you, whether it's in the next five

His former team-mate. Paul Gascoigne, was sup-posed to be taking the odd Italian lesson while he had his leg in plaster but he still took an interpreter with him to Rome. "I don't think he knows much Italian." Lineker said. "But it's already better than his English."

stay at Juventus was his failure to pick up the rudiments of Italian. "I've noticed that the players who have learned the language are the ones who are successful abroad," Lineker said. Rush and Gascoigne are throw-backs to the age of Greaves and Law, when we thought it was enough just to show how to kick balls in the net. Increasingly, as with Kevin Keegan in Germany. David Platt in Italy and now Lineker in Japan, British footballers are realising it is helpful if you can say "Pass".

been lazy about languages. Footballers, in particular, are victims of a stereotype which marooned them on the dark side of culture and condemned them to repeat just a few brain-dead phrases ("Sick as a parrot", "over the moon"), even in English. Meanwhile, tennis players such as Boris Becker and Ivan Lendt learned to discuss the intricacies of grass and engage in rapid-fire repartee

with Desmond Lynam. Geoff Monaghan, general manager of Linguarama, the language school that is teaching Lineker, says that "providing you have the incentive, therefore the motivation, you can learn anything. The per-formance of British students compares well with that of foreign students. The idea that we are no good at

languages is a myth."

Lineker should have no trouble with "guddo gouru" (good goal) or "penaruti reffuri!" (penalty ref). But he is serious about grammar too. As in language, so in football we speak of "reading" the game, and of "fluent" players. Lineker is one of the great interpreters.

What Lineker has done is to remind us not just that football is a language that can be learned, but that tricks and strategies, winners and losers. And the important thing is to take part. After all the raison d'être of sport is having something to talk about afterwards.

Swinburn gets Sayyedati ride

By Michael Seely

WALTER Swinburn has nosed out Pat Eddery from his lucrative job as second contract rider to Maktoum Al-Maktoum.

So the jockey, who for the past two seasons has been on board all horses owned by the ruler of Dubai with the exception of the 60 or so trained by Michael Stoute, will next year ride everything that runs under the umbrella of the Gainsborough Stud.

That includes Sayyedati, currently the 5-2 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas after her emphatic defeat of Lyric Fantasy in the Cheveley Park

"It's a logical development,"

YOUNG Pokey, last season's

Arkle Trophy winner, has a fine chance of completing a

British treble in the \$250,000

Breeders' Cup Chase at Bel-

The seven-year-old has

enough class to emulate Mor-

ley Street, the winner in 1990

and again last year, in Ameri-

Young Pokey had an outing

on the Flat at Ayr three weeks

ago and will like the expected

mont Park tonight.

ca's richest jump race.

firm going.

terday. "Pat has been riding all our horses trained by Michael and others when Walter wasn't available. But Pat will be riding more and more in France next year. We still intend to retain Bruce Raymond." It has certainly been an

autumn of ups and downs for Swinburn, who was recently out of action for a month after sustaining concussion in a late night incident in Newmarket. Since his return he has been riding with all the inspired

flair and judgement of pace that are his trademarks. He was particularly effective on Sayyedati at Newmarket and also on Hatoof in the Prix de l'Opera in Paris last Sunday.

Pleased to be reunited with

Oliver Sherwood is pleased

with Young Pokey's prepara-tion for the 2m 5f chase, run

over 16 portable obstacles.

which are more like hurdles

Sherwood is confident that

racing beyond two miles for

the first time will not be a problem on the New York

The John Queally-trained

Cock Cockburn, runner-up to

How's The Boss in The Lad-

broke at Leopardstown in

course's easy inner track.

than fences.

"It's a marvellous job. I'm very grateful to Michael as he's been instrumental in getting the new agreement settled." Swinburn is now looking

Shahrastani, Swinburn said:

forward to Gulfstream Park, where, apart from the prospect of riding Marling for Geoffrey Wragg, he will also be on the Gainsborough-stud owned Sheikh Albadou, who will be attempting to win the Breeders' Cup Sprint for the second

"To win the sprint would certainly be a wonderful start to my new job with the team," Swinburn added.

With the onset of autumn, the rich North American prizes are now beckoning most of our top professionals. will has his racing manager, at Ascot yes- Derby winners in Shergar and sights set firmly on either

Young Pokey to land British treble January, represents Ireland while Francois Doumen's Sassello is the sole French

challenger. Richard Dunwoody rides the former David Nicholsontrained Highland Bud, whom he partnered to victory in this race in 1989.

Highland Bud, who may prove best of the home team, is one of four runners trained by Jonathan Sheppard. They will count as one entry in all betting pools.

Keeneland or Gulfstream Park for Culture Vulture after the French 1,000 Guineas winner had finished a close third to Well Beyond and Jdaayel in the October Stakes, attempting to concede 5lb to her rivals.

Richard Quinn, still on the 99-mark, rode his 45th consecutive loser when the uneasy 2-1 second favourite failed to quicken in the final stages.

"I was perfectly satisfied," said the trainer. "She's on the way back and the slow pace was no good for her. She will either run in the Queen Elizabeth 11 Stakes at Keeneland or in the Breeders' Cup Mile." Geoff Lewis passed a land-

mark in his training career when David Harrison well-timed run to beat Only Royale in the Mitre Stakes. Although the silvery-haired Epsom handler has now trained 50 winners in a season for the first time, he still has to saddle one more winner be-

fore collecting a six-figure bet.
"When I made the wager I had to submit a list of my horses. And it didn't include Bar Billiards who won at the last Ascot meeting. But one of my owners didn't have to specify names, so he's already won £40,000 and the rest of us will win £90,000 when we have another winner." The trainer's next fancied runner is Neptune's Pet at Ascot today.

Hydro Calido to foil * strong raiding party

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

HYDRO Calido and Freddie Head can see off a strong British challenge to land the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp tomorrow. Francois Boutin's filly, run-

ner-up to Culture Vulture in the French 1,000 Guineas, was a most impressive winner of the group two Prix d'Astarte at Deauville in August. She then had no luck in

running when tenth of 14 behind Exit To Nowhere and Lahib in the Prix Jacques le Marois but is far less likely to encounter traffic problems in this smaller field.

Pursuit Of Love returned to Prince Ferdinand in the group three Kiveton Park Stakes at



Head: rides Longchamp selection Hydro Calido

Doncaster where he defied a group two penalty for his Prix Maurice de Gheest victory at

Deauville in August. Lord Howard de Walden's colt had earlier finished fast to be second to Mr Brooks in the July Cup, where Wolfhound, one of today's rivals, was nine lengths behind in sixth.

While Wolfhound shown improved form since to win the Diadem Stakes at Ascot, Pursuit Of Love still appeals as best of the British. Casteddu would have an each-way chance if reproducing his five-length Beeswing Stakes success but Pip Payne's when only sixth to Reported in a York listed race.

Longchamp field



☐ Richard Hannon's Lucky Lindy contests tomorrow's group two Grosser Preis von Dusseldorf (1m 110yd). Brian

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4.30 fewns bank novices handicap hurdle (£1,744: 2m 4f) (7)

WORCESTER

MANDARIN 2.20 Angels Kiss. 2.50 Assaglawi. 3.20 Light Veneer. 3.50 Nathan Blake. 4.20 Up-A-Point. 4.50 Leinthall THUNDERER

2.20 Damart, 2.50 Sibton Abbey, 3.20 One To Note. 3.50 Scole, 4.20 Up-A-Point, 4.50 Leinthall Fox.

2.20 BASS MITCHELLS AND BUTTLERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,940: 2m) (20 runners) HANDICAP HURDLE (21,940: 2m) (20 runners)

1 -256 BANDON 9 (D.E.S.W G M Turner 9-12-0. P Holley
2 0%- DAMART 19F (D.F.G.S.) Bites: L Social 8-11-9. A Maguire
3 FP2: AMMART 19F (D.F.G.S.) Bites: L Social 8-11-9. A Maguire
4 6U/0 MRSTB1 LAMSON 16 (D) 8 Fecany 6-11-1. S Barrough
5 400- ARU 13-00 (BF G) 8 Barzongho 6-11-1. R J Beggian
6 23/3 GOADRY VENTURE 15 Mics S Wilton 5-10-10. D J Marphy
7 02-P BELPSHE 7 (D.G.) C Smith 6-10-5. Martis Jones
8 400- FRAMK DALE 133 (E) G Jones 9-10-4. Mr G Campbel (7)
9 98-0 RUTHS PROBE 15 (D.G.) G Price 7-10-3. B Configer (7)
10 5-PD PRINCE KUNNOS 31 (D.P. Mis H Parod 8-10-3. D Lastly (7)
11 310F CAMOLE (NIG 7 (G) H Manners 4-10-3. D A Tury
12 00-4 SHOURER TABLE 17 (B.C.D.F.G.) I Heliet 9-10-1. D Gallapher
13 4003 TREMBALMO 14 P Rodon 4-10-1. D J Brushel
14 4-27 BARROL 14 O Burston 4-10-1. D J Brushel
15 P-PS SWINGTIME BELLE 2 (D.P.) M Eckler 5-10-0. A CTHORAN
17 006- M. SECET 197 R Price 6-10-0. D J Tengo
18 F00 PASSAGE HOME 10 D Bell 5-10-0. Wr D Verco
20 560- TRANS AMGEL 1335 M Mangornigo 5-10-0. Wr D Verco
20 560- TRANS AMGEL 1335 M Mangornigo 5-10-0. S F0x (7)
4-1 Angels Res. 5-1 Cambe King, 6-1 Garoon, 8-1 Barut, (Britant, 10-1 Goadby Venture, Newholds, 12-1 Snorks Table, Tensteisen, 14-1 others.

2.50 BASS SPECIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,831: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

7-4 Silitan Atthey, 9-4 Glan Cherry, 100-30 Assentiant, 5-1 Farry Knows, 20-1 Grandy's Polyer

Racing next week MONDAY: Leicester. Fontwell Park. TUESDAY: Leicester, Chepstow, Exster, WEDNESDAY: Redcar, Cheltenham, Wetherby.

THURSDAY: Newmarket, Hexham, Taunton, FRIDAY: Newmarket, Catterick Bridge, Ludlow. SATURDAY: Newmarket, Catterick Bridge, Kempton Park, Southwell, Stratford, Kelso. (Flat meetings in bold)

3.20 BASS MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,678: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

9-4 Fight 70 Win, 3-1 Manencia, 9-2 One To Note, 11-2 Light Veneer, 6-1 Richten 7-1 Fizzt Thoughts, 20-1 Maniners Septiet

3,50 CARLING BLACK LABEL MOVICES CHASE (£2,271; 2m 7f) (7)

1 SS/ MATHAM BLACE 15 (B.F.E) K Balley 7-11-6 A Tory
2 115- DUBLIN FLYER 224 (G.S.) 1 Forster 6-11-0 C Linewillyo
3 PASS EBORNY JACK 15 J Bosley 10-11-0 M Boulley
4 342- FAST STUDY 218 (S.) D Micholson 7-11-0 R Bellenty
5 (6-3 SCOLE 14 F Membry 7-11-0 A Magnetic
6 PPP TOWNET 205 N Telego-Device 6-11-0 PS condemon
7 - OFF WOODLANDSOM POWER 15 P Printrate 6-11-0 R Devis (7)
15-8 Scole 9-4 Neitran Bisis, 5-2 Fast Study, 9-2 Dublin Fiyer, 20-1 Eborry Lack
Tompet, 50-1 Woodlangsiar Power

 $4.20\,$ worthington best briter handicap chase (52,635: 2m) (5)

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| 1 | 151-5 | DOLDROD DIVI | 154 (D.F.B.5) | 6 Harmond | 6-12-0 ___ b) Parmet
| 2 | 11-4 | LP-A-POINT | 15 (D.F.B.5) | Phobins 7-10-1 ___ Page Hobbs
| 3 | PR-1 | BULISTIENT | FELLOW SEA | F.J. Chang 7-10-1 ___ Page Hobbs
| 4 | 406- | KORPA SMART | 168 (D.F.B.5) | 16 Bornhell | 9-10-0 ___ D.J. Burchell
| 5 | F13- POLECROFT | 158 (D.G.S.) | D Burchell | 9-10-0 ___ D.J. Burchell Evens Bounden Duty, 100-30 Up-A-Point, 9-2 Knot's Strain, 5-1 Blastory Fellow 10-1 Palacrust. 4.50 TENNENTS PASNER MOVICES HURDLE

.968: 2m 2f) (14)

1 00 - AFTERRELLY 253 A Dans 7-10-12 C Manada
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2 111- Breeshmill RAFFLES 134 (F.G) P Hobbs 6-10-12 Patar Hobbs
3 RAP THE MEDICOME MAN 14 P Pritested S-10-12 Dr P Pritested
4 130- VISAGE 212 (F) D Nicholaso 8-10-12 R Boldenry
5 00TEREL 257 R Rezington 4-10-11 R J Stogger
6 2 LE Netterren 159 K Balley 4-10-11 D Suffage
8 4 RIVER SLAND 175 J Drd 4-10-11 D Gulley
8 4 RIVER SLAND 175 J Drd 4-10-11 C Liberrely
9 10-2 LEPRIMALI ROX 14 (S) J Meestina 6-10-7 D J Manghly
10 00F MARRIERS LOVE 199 Mass S Wilkon 6-10-7 D J Manghly
10 00 S BORDAR ROSS 11 R Frozt 4-10-6 A Carroll
14 40- The EVACUATE 150 A James 4-10-6 NON-FUNNES
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: G Harwood, 7 minners from 12 namers, 56.3%; M Pige. 45 from 119, 39.7%; Miss H Kalpht, 10 from 34, 29.4%; M Teisbro-Barles, 7 from 32, 21.9%; T A Forsier, 15 from 74, 20.3%; P Hobbe. 13 from 74, 17.6%.

MANDARIN 2.20 Roc Color. 2.50 Preoblakensky, 3.25 Proplus. 3.55 Dancing River. 4.30 Miss Simone. 5.05 Knight's Spur. 5.35 Earth Summit. THUNDERER 2.20 Poc Color. 2.50 Preoblakensky. 3.25 Proplus. 3.55 Dancing River. 4.30 North Bannister. 5.05 Arctic Skylight. 5.35 Earth Summit.

2.20 COCK BANK NOVICES HUNDLE (3-Y-0: £1,772: 2m 1f) (12 runners) 251 SANDRO 11 (8.0.6) R. Baker 11-4_ 832 CLASSIC EXCEPT 22 A Fortes 11-0. S2 CLASSIC EDIBIT 22 A Forbes 11-0 JAY ATTICH C JORDE 11-0 0 JUPITER MOON 10 May A Syntam 11-0 LORD TRAINED May Well 11-0 MOST SWPPPISHE 21F B Booph 11-0 NELTEGRITY 14FT Caldwell 11-0 RDC COURT C BOOSH 11-0 SIEZ CAMAL 45F F Jorden 11-0 1-4 TRUMP 18 C Perior 11-0 TAIRMAN PRINCESS 120F W Clay 10-9 TAIRMAN PRINCESS 120F W Clay 10-9 11-4 Sandro, 7-2 Suez Carol, 9-2 Tump, Roc Color, 10-1 Classic Eshibit, Jopher Moon, 12-1 Nellegrily, 14-7 others.

2.50 NUMARIK HANDICAP HURDLE 1 015- SHJ R.Y 147 (C.F.G) N Smith 8-12-0 P Lench
2 10-0 PRECISEANENSY 5 (G.S) 6 Richards 5-11-5 N Dougley
3 1411 SAMDRES SON (R.D.F.G) 6 Benefit 4-10-0 R Parteat (G)
4 104- PANT LLIN 138 (R.F.) Factorie 8-10-0 J Lodder
5-4 Precibilitations, 9-4 Signore's Son, 5-2 Sha Fly, 10-7 Part Llin.

3.25 WILLIS CORROON HANDICAP CHASE (E3,415: 3m 110yd) (7) N Douglay

PEA MWEENESH 240 (D.S.S.) J Webber 10-11-7. M M Lynch

116* WARE ESSAN 497 (D.S.S.) J Webber 10-11-7. M M Lynch

116* WARE ESSAN 497 (D.S.S.) S Ham 11-10-13. B Powel

5 -427 HE WHO DARES WAS 7 (D.S.F.S.) W A Sephenson 9-10-10

6 Grant

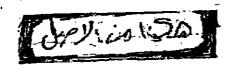
2-7 Papilus, 5-2 He Who Dates Wiles, 7-2 The Barron Berber, 6-1 Holphalu, 10-1 Monaristi, 14-1 Olites

3.55 STADÇO HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,335; 2m 4/ 110yd) (3)

4-5 Miss Statons, 7-2 North Barmister, 8-7 Costaic Force, West Orient, 10-1 Robins Lad, 12-7 others. 5.05 THELWALL MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,632: 2m 1f 110yd) (9) | Character (12.4.0.5.22. ZET 11 110.90) (9) | 1 - 311 ARCTIC SKYLISHT 14 (F.G.S.) G Richards 8-11-9 | N. Compley 2 040 OR JEXYLISHT 14 (F.G.S.) G Richards 8-11-9 | B Carlord (3) 3 550- SPYS DELIGHT 138 Mick A Headt 6-11-2 | S J O'Nedit 4 00-4 TRAMALORIS 22 (F.F.R.S.) P Deliko 7-11-2 | N. Manno 4 00-4 TRAMALORIS 22 (F.F.R.S.) P Deliko 7-11-2 | N. Manno 5-6 50-5 BOARDISS SCHOOL 183 (3) C Parter 5-11-0 | B Storey 7 24-5 (XBENT'S SPUR 10 (6) J Wichiger 5-11-0 | B Mid Lynon 6-6 00-5 BOARDISS SCHOOL 183 (3) C Parter 5-11-0 | B Mid Lynon 7 24-5 (XBENT'S SPUR 10 (6) J Wichiger 5-11-0 | B Bridgenater 9 00-4 MISS SHAW 256 C Own hip to 6-10-11 | D Bridgenater 9 00-4 MISS SHAW 256 C Own hip to 6-10-11 | Richards 4-6 Arcsic Stylight, 7-2 Throlough, 5-1 Boarding School, 10-1 Galeta, 12-1 Andries Spur, Victory Anthens, 16-1 Others. 5.35 EBF STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £1,434: 2m 1f) (18) 6-4 Earth Summit, 7-2 Royal Cupid, 5-1 Supin Shirp, 8-1 Casplan Prince, 10-1 Ring Curties, Raydonia, 12-1 Conner The Second, 14-1 Offices. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRIS. 8 Nichards, 27 winners from 95 romovs, 28.4%, N Twiston-Davies, 5 form 19, 26.9%, G Ham, 8 from 32, 25.0%; 1885 N Kalgari, 5 from 22, 21.7%; C Brooks, 3 from 14, 21.4%, F Jordan, 13 from 68, 19.1%. JOCKEYS: N Doughty. 16 whomer from 51 rides, 31.4%; C Grant, 11 from 44, 25.0%; D Mitredilli, 3 from 12, 25.0%; L Horvey, 5 from 22, 22.7%; I Lawresco, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Lodder, 12 from 76, 15.6%.

☐ Bruce Dowling, the National Hunt jockey, yesterday announced his retirement after an eight-year professional career which yielded 120 winners. Dowling, aged 28, was forced into the decision after a series of falls left him with recurring tinnitus.



Cunning can make class tell in Ascot group race

CUNNING can take Luca Cumani's domestic prize-money haul past the £500,000 mark for the season by outclassing her rivals in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot

Victory in this group three race should be a formality for this much-improved filly fol-lowing that fine performance in the group one Prix Vermeille at Longchamp last month when she was beaten a head by the French Oaks

winner, Jolypha.
The first hint that this daughter of Bustino would be capable of competing so well at that level came at York in August. Before that, she had won only humdrum events at Bath and Newmarket.

At York, though, she turned the listed Galtres Stakes into a procession, toying with her opposition before winning by six lengths from Percy's Girl, with her head on her chest. Now it is hard to envisage Percy's Girl getting her re-

MANDARIN

2.00 Taos.

2.30 Cumning.

3.00 Plain Fact.

3.35 Brigg Fair.

4.10 Deprecator.

5.10 GOOGLY (nap).

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

venge on terms only 3lb better, taking weight-for-age into consideration.

A line though through Percy's Girl in a subsequent race at Ayr also gives Cunning the clear beating of Guilty Secret, Anna Of Saxony and Bineyah, who finished second, third, and fifth respectively in the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster. The Cornwallis Stakes, the

other group race on today's programme, can go to the Richard Hannon-trained Brigg Fair Brigg Fair defied top weight in a nursery at Newbury three weeks ago with so much in

hand that this step up in class

was inevitable. While Hannon will also be represented by Surprise Offer, who finished a close second in the Windsor Castle Stakes

THUNDERER

2.00 Iviza.

3.00 Ashtina.

4.40 True Hero.

5.10 Googly.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Taos. 2.30 CUNNTING (nap).

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104 (8) 6104 MUNCHAMEDOV 29 (6) (D St George) D Lodin 8-11 | C Assenses
105 (8) 1 STAR MANAGER 12 (D.S.) (b) Arbib) P Code 8-11 | T Code
106 (1) 11 TAGS 15 (D.F.S) (Shadin Motormond) J Graden 8-11 | S Combine
107 (2) 4 TUP RANK 10 (A McPastend) J Mostor 8-11 | B Rouse
108 (7) 13 NVZA 14 (BF.G) (Shadin Motormond) M Storie 8-5 | Pot Eddory
BETTING: 9-4 Mps., 3-1 Tans, 7-2 Burolist Thunder, B-1 Star Manager, 10-1 Bushorband, Dockset

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1991: ALWAYS FRIENDLY 3-8-6 A Manns (5-1) H Candy 8 am

FORM FOCUS

PERCY'S GIRL 2MI 4th of 8 to Zussel in a listed race of Newmorkel (In 44, good). CUNNING head 2nd of 10 to Johyphs in the group I Pick Vermelle of Longchamp (Im 44, good). Earlier, her PERCY'S GIRL 61 is a 7-vensor listed case at York (Im 44, good to from). ANNE BONNY heat Besother 61 in a 4-vennor graduation sees of Semiconn (Im 21, good). BRIEYAH 2561 2nd of 8 to User Prisonly in Selection: CUNNING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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to Pelastia in the group III Laurent Premier Cham- | Aecot (soft). pagne Sukes at Doncaster (71, pood to Ban). STAR. | Selection: TMZA (nap)

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES (Group III: fillies & mares: £27,720: 1m 4f) (9 nuncers)

FORM FOCUS

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 CATHERINEOFARAGON.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (STHAIGHT COURSE GOOD)

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £11,452: 1m round) (9 runners)

DRAW: 5F-7F STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AUTUMN STAKES

3.35 Up And At 'Em.

over today's course and dis-tance in June, I believe Brigg Fair has more to offer in this

At the last meeting here, Spaniards Close, Ashtina, Plain Fact and Bodari domi-nated the finish of the Berke-ley Handicap. Now, Plain Fact, who had nothing to race with that day from his low draw, can come up trumps for the Hills brothers, John and



at Ascot and York today

Today's nap, though, is Googly, an ally of old, to win the Tankerville Handicap in the care of her regular pilot, Gary Bardwell. A glowing testimony to the skill of the country's senior trainer. Bill Wightman, Googly left the impression that there was more in the locker when

winning at Haydock last time. Otherwise, today's programme can develop into a benefit for the John Gosden stable, thanks to Taos (2.00), Deprecator (4.10) and True

Hero (4.40).

At York, stable companion Emperor Jones, is taken to regain the winning trail in the Stamford Bridge Stakes, now that he encounters better

Liyakah, who also lost her unbeaten record last time when third to Silver Wizard and Forest Wind at Kempton, can confirm the promise of her debut Goodwood success by winning the listed ANC Rock-

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403	(t)		PYRELD FLYER 28 (D.G.S) (R Sangster) P Chappile-Hyans 8 13	
404	(ii)		LORD CLIMER 8 (D.F) (Mes V Janks) W Janks 8-13 M Tebbatt 92	
C 5	(B)		REALITIES 19 (D.BF.G) (S Xammel) G Harwood B-13 J Raid 80	
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4.40 hyperion graduation stakes (2-y-0: £8	,928: 7f) (8 runners)			
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608 (Z) 12 PALACE PAGEANT 15 (G) (P Mellon) Balding 9-5	MHES 90			
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1991: CASTEDDU 9-5 A Munro (100-90) J Payes 7 ran
5.10 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (£7,635: 1m 4f) (10 numers)
1 (2) 303002 LEFT AND LOAD 14 (CD.F.A.S) (S Howard-Spiel) 8 Hamon 5-10-0 J Reid 2 (7) 810455 ROYAL SEATON 15 (8.5) (Arminate Carpets Lob 8 Milleam 3-8-10. J Williams 3 (1) 019130 MAD MELTRART 15 (D.F.8) (Arm 8 Reaching 14 Holisebead 3-8-6 L Deitor 4 (3) 364201 MAJOR BUELER 15 (C.S) (Al Kerr-Dissen) 6 Beiding 3-8 5 Pat Eddary 5 (5) 556040 SELF EXPRESSION 21 (V.C.F.B) (6 Season) 8 Beiding 3-8 5 M Hills 6 (5) 220434 WESTERNI DYMASTY 8 (D.F.G.S) (Al Kerrists) M Ryen 6-8-1 D Biggs 7 (4) 552450 ROSBING 10 (B.F.) (Day M Lances) C G Beiding 3-7-12 A Marmo 8 (6) 421221 GOOGLY 15 (D.G.S.) (A Landshy) W Weghtern 3-7-12 G Berricon) 9 (9) 132040 RAPPORTELR 9 (D.F.G) (R Bernesso) C C Elemy 6-7-11 D Hamston (S) 10 (10) 052040 RULL CURVEJ 11 (V.D.F.) (R Welling) Marc B Wenting 7-7-7 C Hawdonby (7)
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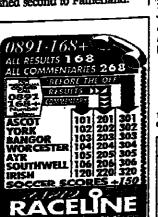
BETTING: 5-2 Lift And Load, 7-2 Googly, Major Bugler, 5-1 Royal Seaton, 8-1 Western Dynasty, 10-1 Ma Applicat 12-1 others

Middle Park form on trial

LESTER Piggott rides Wootton Rivers for Peter Chapple-Hyam in the group three Juddmonte Beresiord Stakes at the Curragh today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

This will be the first test of the form of the Middle Park Stakes, in which Wootton Rivers finished fifth behind the French colt, Zieten. He may have found the

distance too sharp at Newmarket, having previously won over today's nip of a mile at Ayr, and looks a danger to Frenchpark and Scribe, both of whom have previously finished second to Fatherland.



MANDARIN 2.10 Frickley. 2.40 Mester Shikeri. 3.10 Charming Gate. 3.40 Jock's Burn. 4.10 Stepfaster. 4.40 The Laughing Lord. THUNDERER

Rides % 255 20.4 22 18.2 285 17.4 75 16.0 39 15.4 156 14.7

2.10 Dente's Inferno. 2.40 Master Shikari. 3.10 Charming Gale. 3.40 Hithael. 4.10 Beldine. 4.40 Thistleholm. GOING: GOOD

2.10 MINISHANT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,892: 2m) (10 runners) 1 P4/0 ALMARREEGH 7 P Montells 7-10-12... 2 P34- DAMTES INTERNO 171 (S) Mis S Brad

7-4 Frieddoy, 4-1 Loving Omen, 5-1 Dante's Infamo, 6-1 Bahsha, 8-1 Maccanachie, 10-1 Bhiseannd, 20-1 dibirs.

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	2.40 MONKTON JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,840; 2m) (6)
	1 4211 MASTER SHEVARI 14 (F) N Tissier 11-3 8 MicCom 2 625R DOLLAR WHIE 7 J Blook 10-9 0 6 Barry (3 GP HELTOWN BLIES 50 T Dyer 10-9 A Liston (4 5 TIDAL RIVER 16 Darry Smith 10-9 PWegget (
	5 SPERIN SIGEN 12-F C Thomban 18-4 D Wildrags 6 PS SHADAYLOU B Mass L Parast 18-2 L O'Ha 1-2 Magain Salkari, 5-1 Delar Wilas, 8-1 Specity Signs, 10-1 Stadighou, 14-
1	des.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: G Moore, 22 wheers from 109 names, 20.2%; G Richards, 36 from 202, 16.0%; W A Shapharaca, 15 from 50, 16.9%; Ms S Bandbarne, 10 from 60, 16.7%; N Tandon, 7 from 43, 16.2%; M Hangsund, 5 from 51, 16.1%. TABLES & McCost, 27 winners from 81 ides, 25.9%; P Williams, 3 from 19, 25.1%; P Melans, 19 horn 98, 19.4%; L Wyer, 14 tons 80, 17.5%; J Bradhanne, 7 from 49, 16.3%; A Memigan, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

3.10 SYMPHETON NOVICES CHASE

1 PS-R CLOWROCHE DRILLER 7 Mes S Barnell 7-11-0 J Basins (7)
2 029- SLAND GALE 138 D McCune 7-11-0 P Wagnet (7)
3 U4+ MARLERED 7 (7) K Other 10-11-0 F Reed
4 442 MSTER TUFFE 12 (BF-) 8 Richards 7-11-0 G McCune
5 -621 CHARMING GALE 7 (F-8) Ms S Badoure 5-10-13 6 O/UF CELTIC WATERS 7 Mins D Thomson 7-10-9

3.40 ANHBANK HOVICES HURDLE 1 3-31 JOS/CS BURN 8 (D.E) 8 Richards 6-11-4 N Linach (7)
2 402- CBURN 80V 307 Ms J Goodeline 6-10-12 R Hodge (3)
3 23 HTHAR 7 L Lungs 4-10-11 R Markey
4 008- KNOSHT 0F FORMULE 188F M Dods 4-10-11 A Marrigan
5 0(3- KNOWING 232 M Hamsund 5-10-7 P Riven
7-4 Jock's Born, 2-1 Hillach, 4-1 Knowing, 6-1 Callidh Boy, 20-1 Knight Ol Honour.

4.10 TARBOLTON HANDICAP CHASE 1 16.5 CORNET 16 (V.D.F.G.S) Denys Smith 6-12-0 P Nives 2 154- DITERION LIB 149 (CD.F.B.S) Mrs S Bradonne 9-11-3 9 /IP/ QMASSMI 729 (D.F.S) & Rehards 8-10-7 Mr J Bradhums
4 1-1F BELDINE 17 (F.E.S) P Montent 7-10-7 M Montent
5 251- FUSBURY 227 (F.E.S.) Mrs S Bussul 7-10-3 J Callupian
6 11-2 STEPFASTER 18 (D.F.S) W A Supherson 7-10-3 L Mohane
7 129- BAYARD BAY 165 (3) & Richards 8-10-0 L Wyer 9-4 Beldine, 7-2 Simplester, 4-1 Cornet, 7-1 scherics Lib, 8-1 Gassioni, 10-1 Festiony, 12-1 Beauty Ray.

4.40 CROSSHELL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,221: 2m 6f) (8)

3 USC EASTERN CASIS 16 (CD.F.G.S) J Andrews 9-11-6 P Williams (7)
4 11-1 THISTLEPIOLM 14 (F.G.S) W Misson 5-11-4... Mr W Enting (7)
5 101- RASS PEARL (18) (8) (8.5) S Misson 5-11-4... Mr W Enting (7)
6 2-11 JULETSIO 17 (V.F.S) M Hammend 4-10-1... P News
7 08/5 PT POW 77 (C.G.S) Miss. L Persus 8-10-0... J J Michaid (7)
8 32-4 THISTORICHES (7 (5) Miss. L Persus 8-10-0... L O'Third
4 Thistorichys, 3-1 Juliciati, 7-2 Entire Oracle J. L The Legislation (7) 11-4 Telefictorics, 5-1 Julicisti, 7-2 Eastern Onsis, 4-1 The Licoping Lord, 8-1 River Panel, 16-1 Auton Express, 20-1 offens.

Blinkered first time

4.15 CORAL SPRINT TROPHY HANDICAP MANDARIN 2.15 Fermoy. 2.45 Emperor Jones. 3.15 Drummer Hicks. 2.45 Colway Rock 3.15 Drummer Hicks. 3.45 Liyakah. 3.45 MITHL AL HAWA (nap). 4.15 Gorinsky. 4.15 Cumbrian Waltzer. 4.45 En Attendent. 4.45 Choir Practice. 5.15 Alhaajib. RICHARD EVANS: 3.45 RAIN BROTHER (nap). 4.15 How's Yer Father. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Emperor Jones. DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.15 BBC RADIO 5 EMMA FORMAN STAKES (3-Y-O: 25,075: 1m 3f 195yd) (3 runners) 1991: KANSK 9-1 W Carson (7-4) J Session 3 ven 2.45 STAMFORD BRIDGE STAKES (2-Y-0: £5,744: 6/ 214yd) (6 runners)

1	(6)	13	BAPEROR JONES 15 (D.BF.G.) (Smith Malayamed) J Gosden 9-4. R Cochazea	91
2	(1)	1	COLWAY ROCK 21 (D,S) (A Coleman) J Water 9-0	96
3	(3)	532326	GLOWING VALUE 29 (5) (F Dorns) J Beny 9-0 J Carrol	98
ā	121	201302	SHERL 25 (D.S) (Shalith Armed Al Maintean) M State 9-0	2
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BETTA	4E 6	-4 Empero	r Jones, 5-2 Stebt, 3-1 Taxbhus, 6-1 Coingy Rock, 18-1 Glowey Value, 66-1 Ox	2013
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3.15 CROWTHER HOMES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £9,396: 1m 205y0) (9 runners) 4.) 1-54 FOR RES 24 (6F.S) (D THERLY) A Sexent 5-7 MR Roberts 97
(B) 0-00253 STAUMA 9 F.S) (Mrs R Robert) U Met 8-8 WR Breakburn 94
(S) 515035 J.BMARA SHARK TO N/F) (Shatih Ahmed Al Matersmi) J Gesten 8-7. D Holland 95
(B) 500200 GOTCHA 21 (8-F.S) (D Seale) R Hannon 8-5 WR Daveson 8-9
(D) 10-1004 GHALYOOK 8 F.S) (Hannon 8-7 WR Daveson 8-8 W Cannon 9-7
(1) 1117202 DREAMBER HIGHS 11 (20.F.S) (Mrs N Naples) E Weyner 8-2 Dean Mickeown 97
(7) 101103 U.RRO WHIGHS 7 F.S) (P Housel) R Science 8-0 J. Lower 96
(2) 2-22034 LET'S GET LOST 32 (8F) (A Seast) W Haggar 7-13 G Duffield 98
(3) 0191 LAHOOR 10 (S) (B Hanbury) B Hambury 7-10 N Caddiai (8)

BETTING: 7-2 Drummer Hicks, 4-1 For Reg. Jaconika Stank, 6-1 Sylvan, 7-1 Latnoch, 8-1 Let's Get Loss, 12-1 Stanjeon, 14-1 Lott Vivienne, 16-1 Golda. 1991: MONTPELIER BOY 8-5 A Cruz (7-1) Lord Hostingdon 13 sac FORM FOCUS

FOR RES 141 4th of 10 to Menture's Pet is a familiate of 3 Sandam (Im., good). SYLVAN 1141 a familiate of Sandam (Im., good). SYLVAN 1141 and 15 to Sheevign Rock in a headicap at Linglield (71 140yd. solt), with GHALYOON (2b) better of) 27 4th.

JAMARYA SYARK 11 3rd of 13 to Rose Beganca in a familiace at Newmarket (Im 21, good). DRUM.

3.45 AND ROCKINGHAM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £11,550: 6f) (8 runners) (8) 43421 LOOK WHO'S HERE 35 (D.S) (S Edwards) B McMahon 8-12 ______ B Raymond 96 [8] 0111 PALACEGATE TOUCH 7 (D.G.S) (Palacegate Corposition Ltd) J Beny 8-12 J Carroll 88 [1] 311 RAIN BROTHER 18 (D.B) (L Bacch) P Chaptal-Hyaru 8-12 ______ D Holland 97 [7] 231605 SROCKION DANGER 10 (D.F.) (Mrs D La Trobe) R Harron 8-7 _____ G Carter 83 [3] 31511 FALSOOLA 31 (D.F.G) (Stalish Mohammod) J Watts 8-7 ______ M Roberts [3] [2] 11826 JERWA 27 (F) (Stalish Mohammod) J Watts 8-7 _____ W Ryan 93 [4] 13 LIYAKAH 35 (D.S) (Hamdan Al-Matteurs) W Hern 8-7 _____ W Casson 92 [5] 21 MITTH, AL HAWA 18 (D.G) (Matteurs Stalish J Facchuse 8-7 ___ W R Switchusm 97 BETTING: 9-4 Rain Brother, 3-1 Falcoots, 4-1 MRM Al Haws, 5-1 Liyakah, 10-1 Look Who's Hose, 14-1 Jeres, 18-1 Pytocogola Toucit, 20-1 Brocklon Dancer. 1991; MISTERIOSO 8-7 M Sirch (6-1) D Esmorth 8 page

LOOK WHO'S HERE best Storibs 31 is a 15-numer nessery at Haydock (81, 1901). PALACESATE TOUCH best Mr Botch 1911 in a 13-numer nursery at Memorated (61, good to soot). BANN BROTHER best Realities a least in a 7-numer conditions see at Federating (61, good). Participant of the Story Whodest in a 18-numer conditions see at Federating (61, good). Participant of the Story Whodest in a 18-numer nursery at Doncaster (61 110yd, good), with Selection: FALSOOLA 81 or a 17-number maddes at Kempton (61, good). Does Hamasson (E., good).
FALSOCIA best Hung Partierness 11 in a 16-rusner
nusser at Doesasser (El 110ys), good), with

(£13,110: 6) (23 numers)

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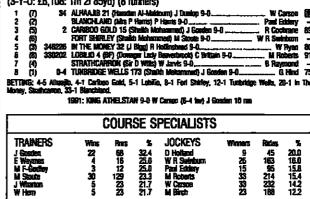
(£18,110: 6) (28 numers)

(£18,1 4.45 CARLING BLACK LABEL LAGER HANDICAP (£5,784: 6f 214yd) (19 runners)

1 (2) 1/401-0 AGHAADIR 8 (CD,F.S) (Sheltz Ahmed Al Maldoum) J Gorden 4-8-13 R Cochrase 86 2 (11) 253002 BEMARE OF AGERTS 15 (D,F.S) (8 Yeardey Ltd) M Johnston 3-9-9. R P Elliot 88 3 (13) 001103 BH ATTEMBART 2 (D,F.S) (8 transite) Ltd M Johnston 3-9-9. R P Elliot 88 3 (13) 001103 BH ATTEMBART 2 (D,F.S) (8 Instead of the Newton) B Harbury 4-9-7. B Raymond 98 4 (10) 110003 RINGLAND 22 (RD,BF.S) (8 Rosel) D Morbit 4-9-2. Durren Magnetir (7) 90 5 (17) 322 BBMR ALBADOU 28 (BF) (Malsoum M Malcoum) M Stouts 3-9-2. W R Switchorn 98 7 (5) 643414 CDCL LURG 23 (D,BF.S) (8 Beer) 6 Meron 3-9-0. J Carroll 94 6 39 200030 ASPOREN 4 (D,G,BF.S) (9 Beerley) 6 Meron 3-9-0. J Carroll 95 (19) 005400 SUPER BBMZ 4 (D,F,B.S) (0 Bearley) 1 Featbarts 6-8-8. J Footing 93 10 (19) 651402 GYMCRAK TYCDON 22 (D,F,B.S) (6)morbi Reskip III M H Existerby 3-8-7 M Blind 11 (19) 651402 GYMCRAK TYCDON 22 (D,F,B.S) (6)morbi Reskip III M H Existerby 3-8-7 M Blind 12 (19) 000060 CHOR PRACTOCE 7 6-55 (7 Checking) W Hoppes 5-8-5. W Ryan 95 (1) (1) 209584 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 11 (D,S) (A Collins) J Mers 4-8-5. G Defined 91 (1) 411100 THORNITON GATE 15 (LD,F,B.S) (7 Benetty M H Existerby 3-8-4 5 Malcons) 15 (8) 340000 COLOSSUS 7 (D,G.S) (M Lernes) C Bretain 4-8-1. N Adams 93 16 (18) 003300 MSHLAND MARGET (4 (D,G.S) (MSR N Coroll) M H Fisherston-Godiey 4-9-0 D Holland 93 17 (7) 106500 STATE FLYER 21 (Y,G.S) (Msr P Flowers) C Booth 4-7-12. N Adams 93 16 (18) 500000 DOYC 22 (D,B.S.F,B) (M Schees) J Melaniso 5-7-10. Andrews Arms (7) 87 Long Handleger Doycs 7-3. Long headicate: Deyes 7-3.
BETTRIE: 7-1 Presonancess, 8-1 En Atlendant, 10-1 Gymcosk Tyczon, Aghasalir, 12-1 Cool Luke, Choir Pt.
14-1 Kinlacey, Sagebrush Roller, 16-1 Regiond, Ashdren, 20-1 others.
1991: AGHAADIR 3-9-9 R Cochane 5-2 (J M Gooden) 19 ran BEWARE OF AGENTS 2/ 2nd of 4 to Combrian Chellesge in an auction saca at Redorr (im 11, good).

EN ATTENDANT 3541 3rd of 13 to Forser Dismonds in a bandicap at York (im, good to soft). Bleft ALBADOU 461 2nd of 8 to Whot Ricky Did in a mattern, here (im, good), on penelifimate start. PREPARAMACOS 1541 489 of 18 to Millisolin in a bandicap at Memorates (if, good to soft), with COLOSSUS (11b better off) is 18th. SASEBRUSH ROLLER 251 480 of 7 to Salda in a bandicap at Memorates (im, beavy).

Salcation: BMR ALBADOU 5.15 COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION CUP MAIDEN STAKES



(3-Y-0: £6,108: 1m 2f 85yd) (8 runners)



Brittain: Japan Cup plan for User Friendly

Sueboog is added to **Dewhurst**

By MICHAEL SEELY

THE irrepressible Clive Brittain yesterday outlined ambitious end-of-season objectives for two of his stable

User Friendly, none the worse for her deteat by Subotica in Paris last Sunday, is to be nominated on Monday for the Japan Cup as the trainer attempts to repeat Jupiter Island's 1986 victory in the Tokyo invitational event.

Brittain also has designs on Friday's Dewhurst Stakes. having supplemented Sue-boog yesterday. If successful, she would become only the third filly in the post-war era to win Britain's most important two-year-old race.

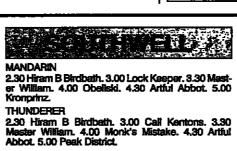
Nothing ventured, nothing gained has always been Brittain's motto and he is looking forward to sending User Friendly on the 12,000mile round trip to Japan.

"She's come out of the Arc in tremendous shape," he said. "People are worried about the ground but I'm not concerned. There's always spring in the turf there."

Swabson Detaylin and Lot

Sueboog, Petardia and Lost Soldier were each supplemented at a cost of £12,500 for the Dewhurst yesterday. An impressive winner on her only racecourse appearance at Newbury, Sueboog missed her intended engage-ment in the Prix Marcel

Boussac last Sunday. "We were going to supplement her, but she got very jazzed up in her final work with Love Of Silver," Brittain explained. "She's one of my best fillies and is fully entitled to take on the colts. I thought the race was looking rather dull," the trainer concluded with typical, but often justified, bravado.



GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES) 2.30 tanks a vessels industries novices chase (£1,106: $2m\ 4f\ 110yd)$ (8 runners)

3.00 AUTUMN HOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSHS: 0 Sherwood, 5 winners inter 11 numers, 45.5%, Jimmy Fitzperald, 9 intra 30, 30.0%; R Lea, 3 inter 10, 30.0%; J Edwards, 9 inter 37, 24.5%, K Balby, 7 intra 31, 22.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Richards, 4 winners inter 9 rides, 44.4%; R Supple, 13 inter 37, 35.1%; M Dayer, 17 inter 60, 28.3%; D Byrne, 4 inter 21, 19.0%; C Hawdins, 3 inter 24, 12.5%; Say Lyons, 3 inter 25, 11.5%. 3.30 NATIONAL PLANT & TRANSPORT PLC HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,024: 3m) (7) 4 -422 MASTER WILLIAM 17 (V.EF.F.) I Ensurés 8-10-13 M A Fizzanaid
5 -400 MASTER WILLIAM 17 (V.EF.F.) I Ensurés 8-10-13 M A Fizzanaid
5 -400 MARAHRS 7 (B.C.F.G.S) B Richmond 9-10-10. R Gensti
6 -400 MARLER 7 (F.S) E Floro 9-10-7. R Septil
7 P0-6 SECRET FRAUL 25 (D.F.G.S.) J Foct 13-10-3. S Tomes

4.00 gas warm homes claiming chase 5-2 Menk's Métaka, 5-1 Lovo Anew, 8-1 Lleres Prizis, 8-1 Fogar, 12-1 Obstiski, Slippery Max, 14-1 Vastard, Dormafley Lad. 16-1 offers.

4.30 FARINSFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,260; 3m.

5.00 TANKS & VESSELS INDUSTRIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,033: 2m 2f) (6) 5-2 Temporate, 4-1 Peak District, 9-2 Kronprinz, Mrs. Jawleyford, 5-1 Mexandi Special, 8-1 Andron's Past.

CONTRACTOR OF STREET AND ASSESSMENT OF STREET AND STREE Tote: \$1.60; \$1.10, \$2.90. DF: \$2.50. CSF: \$4.49.

Going: good to soft (good to soft, straight course good after 3.40 race) Going: good also \$4.0 race)
2.00 (8) 1, RUSTIC CRAFT (J Williams, 12-1); 2. (National) (Williams, 12-1); 2. (National) (Williams, 12-1); 2. (National) (Williams, 13-1); 3. Agher (T Culinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Wisham (Sth), 13-2 Correspondence, 11 Froyl, Sth), 13-2 Correspondence, 11 Froyl, Sth), 13-2 Correspondence, 11 Froyl, Sth), 14-5. D. Bisworth at Whitsbury. Total: E14-50, 23-40, C14-0. DF: 57-40. CSF: 25-28 Imin 16-67-ec.
2.30 (Im 27) 1, PLAN AHEAD (D Harrison, 11-2: Mandatrin's nap); 2, Only Royale (I. Detton, 7-4 lav), 3, Ross Alto (G Duffield, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Seleah (Sth), 10 Fies Top (eth), 10 Fengari, 14 Seal Indigo, Mizig, 16 Canny Chronicia (Sth), 20 Host, Cotton-wood, 11 ran, 194, 34, 5, 54, nk, G Lews at Epsorn, Total: 24-50; 21-40, C1-50, 54-70. DF: 54-40, Tric: 22-50. CSF: 5111-95, 2min 10.82sec.

Epsorn. Totar: P4.50; 21.40, \$1.50, \$4.70. DF: 24.40. Trio: £23.50. CSF: £111.95. 2min 10.82sac.
3.05 (1m) 1, WELL BEYOND (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 2, Jdasyel (M. Roberts, 7-2); 3, Cafture Vulture (T. Quirn, 2-1), ALSO RAN: 13-8 taw Michight Atr (4th), 16 Mashwille Bluss (Sth), 50 Cambrash Hills (Bth), 150 Brase The Wind, 7 ran. Hd, 94, 244, 54 Mil. B Hills at Lambourn. Totar £13.00; £3.30, £2.00. DF: £13.90. CSF: £47.99. 1min 46.99sac.
3.40 (7f) 1, BRIGANTE DI CIELO (B. Reymond, 20-1); 2, Chain Danca (W. R. Swnburn, 11-1); 3, No Reservations (J. Wesser, 12-1); 4, Shamem (R. Hills, 20-1), ALSO RAN-5 fav Serin Dancer, 13-2 Burnoj (5fh), 8 Midwinter Dream, 11 Home From The Hill, 14 Delenceless, Hosile Witness, 20 My Patriarch (Brh), Empire Pool, Awestruck, 33 Expo Mondial, Renge Rider, 50 Regal Aura. 16 ran. NPt. Seasonal Splendour, 14, 191, 191, 191, 191, 191, 191, 290, £290, £3.70. DF: £153.40. CSF: £166.43. Triosst: £1,855.48 Imin 28,92sec. Chavrotein (13-2) withdrawn, not under orders — nule 4 applies to all bots, deduction 10p in pound.
4, 15 (2m 459d) 1, BOLD RESOLUTION (M. Robertz, 11-4 tay); 2, Nijmegen (K. Fallon, 10-1); 2, Jungle Dancer (Per Eddery, 10-1); ALSO RAN. 7-2 Prince Mercury (4th), 13-2 Withschapel (5th), 12 Five 10 Savan, Hadman, 14 Our Alson (6th), Westman, 16 Gay Gim, 40 Cefcon, Slack Sepphire.

12 ran. 1 M., 1l. 1l, M., 7l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £3.10, £2.10. DF £28.80 Tric: £83.10, £25: £28.35. Tricest: £219.35. 3min 36.09sec.

4.46 (Im) 1, OLETTE U Weaver, 9-4; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Bold Pursuit, (P Parlsen, 7-4 fay); 3, Muhit (K Rutler, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 Fleming Arrow (eth), 20 Johns Joy, 25 Disputed Call (5th), 50 State Of Affers, Duty Seppeard, 100 Hightown-Princess (6th), 9 ran. 1 M., 101, 2, Ind. 8, G Wengo at Newmentest, Tote. £3.00; £1.40, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £5.90, Intili 42.05sec. 58.09, Imm 42.05sec.
5.15 (im 4f) 1, NOR'S FLUTTER (Mr C Vgors, 100-30); 2, Mearnur (Mr N Miles, 11-4 lav); 3, Shadow Bird (Mr P Pritchard-Gordon, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Kinamatic (Sth), 11 Taylors Prince (4th), 25 Sartaet, 50 Christmas Hole, 66 Bleck Jewel (6th), 15 Coxaru, 9 ran, NRt Dr Zeva, 11, 244, 12, 4, 2, D Elsworth at Whitchury, Tote, 53.50; 51.30, 51.50, 51.10, DF: 571-30, 525-51.88, Tricast: 531.16 2min 39.23sec

Piacecct: 9541.80. Going: good (good to firm in piaces) 1.50 (2m 1f hdie) 1, Chic And Ellie (A Dobbin, 13-8 fay); 2, Buston King (50-1); 3, Just Eve (33-1), 11 ran, 25, 1181, J. J. O'Neal. Totas: 52.30; 57.40, 517 10, 52.50. DF 549.20. CSF: £51.81. 949-20. CSF: 861.81. 2.29 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Kushbaloo (B Slorey, 13-8 lav); 2, Gone Astray (50-1); 3, Lothian Pitot (B-1), 13 ran. MF: Algan. 51, 244. C Parker. Tote: \$1.90; £1.10, £2.80, £2.00. DF: £16.50. CSF: £68.20.

22.00. DF: £16.50. CSF: £68.20.
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5.00 (2m 11 flat) 1, White Diamond (Mark Roberts, 20-1); 2, Nouvelle Culsente (4-1); 3, Speciers Delight (7-1), Railying Cry 7-2 tav. 25 ran. Nr. 21. Mrs & Swintbank, Tote £43.00; £12.10, £2.00, £1.50, CSF: £93.54.
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3.46 (2m if 110yd ch) 1, Persian House (M Dwyer, 5-4 g-lav); 2, Le Ternerare (5-4 g-lav); 3, heagh Lad (8-1), 4 ran, 2½ dist. J Jefferson, Tote: £2.30, DF: £1.90, CSF-£3.01, NR: Strong Fency.

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4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Habton Whin (R Gentry, 5-2); 2, My Desire (5-4 tay); 3, Tonkawa (17-2), 9 ran, %I, 8J. M H Easterby, Tota: £3.50; £1.30, £1.20, £1.50, DF: £2.40, CSF; £5.77. 5.25 (2m st 110)d hdis) 1, Master's Crown (Lorra Vincent, 5-2 lav); 2. Elte Design (7-1); 3, Related Sound (10-1), 6 ran Sh hd. 151. M Chapman. Tote: 63.40; 21.50, £1.80 DF: 55.40, CSF: £17.81, After stewards' enquiry, result stood. Placepot: £1,653.10.

Cowdrey delivers strong warning on ball-tampering

By Ivo Tennant

SIR Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), broke his long silence on allegations of balltampering yesterday to warn captains and cricket managers to stamp it out immediately". Match referees, he said, would be directed to take a strong line with those who shirked the responsibility

Sir Colin said he had been empowered by senior repre-sentatives of all Test-playing countries to make a statement before the heavy programme of international cricket this winter. "They are concerned about the widespread allega-tions of tampering with the surface of the ball, whereby it is subjected to calculated and systematic damage, and the fears that this is increasing throughout the cricket world.

This practice is, of course, contrary to the laws of cricket and the spirit of the game, and is totally unacceptable," he said. Test match umpires will be instructed to be as vigilant as possible and to have no changing a ball at the first sign of interference."

Sir Colin did not refer directly to the recent allegations made about Pakistan's fast bowiers by Allan Lamb,

THE formbook can be a

misleading arbiter. Despite Malcolm Reilly's earlier asser-

tion about present performance dictating selection, the

Great Britain coach is almost

certain to base his choice for

the World Cup final in two

weeks' time on the party that

narrowly lost to Australia in

Apart from the likely addi-

tions of the outstanding St

Helens prop forward, Kevin

Ward, and the kicking game

Widnes, Reilly is expected to

keep faith with the bulk of his

squad this summer. Under the

continued captaincy of Garry

Schofield, a one-off game with

Australia demands experi-

enced heads and minimum

The demands of the tour

experimentation.

Davies, non

but he is due to make a further statement on Tuesday. Micky Stewart, England's team manager during the summer, ex-pressed support for Sir Colin's strictures, and said that he and Graham Gooch had warned their players at the start of the series against Pakistan not to tamper with the ball.

"I am not surprised by Colin's comments. The only surprise I have is that something was not done before now. It is a pity that it has not been possible for events this summer to have been clarified. I would not know why Colin has not said anything before

"Ball-tampering has existed for a while, practised by a minority rather than a majority, but I don't know whether it can be cleared up," Stewart, now the Test and County Cricket Board's national director of coaching and development, said.

"I have spoken to Colin about it, although for the most part, our discussions have been through the respective

Sir Colin also said the ICC would discuss at its proposed meeting in January whether there should be a more puni-

tive action for ball-tampering.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly relies on

summer squad

By Christopher Irvine

His comments would suggest that he does not intend to clarify to what extent the ball was tampered with during England's series with Pakistan. It is understood that the ICC want to avoid litigation at

Sir Colin added that Test-playing countries had been encouraged by the response to the ICC's Code of Conduct from captains and players, and that umpires valued the support of match referees. There had been fewer instances of sledging and dissent, he said.

Surrey's management

board will issue a statement on Monday on the findings of its committee of enquiry, chaired by Peter May, which was set up to look into their offences of ball-tampering, for which the club received a suspended

resterday on the conclusions of the committee, which met for

Surrey launched the enquiry to investigate the charges and discover why the club chairman, Derek Newton, and his committee learnt of the matter only when the club was summoned to appear before the TCCB last month.

SNOOKER

Parrott in front after

FROM PHIL YATES

Half back is a bone of

Reilly's announcement of his squad on Tuesday will put an emphasis on big, powerful rwards in counteract A lia's weight advantage.

Reilly's few automatic selecas the other first-choice prop. Paul Moriarty, of Widnes, has made a telling case for inclusion in a pack that will be dominated by Wigan, with the Jackson, of Hull.

have hardly assisted form this season, although minor injuries - such as those sustained by Martin Offiah and Graham Steadman - could just be the rest cure that rejuvenates key members of the side for Wembley.

Unlike the majority of the Australians, who played their first match in a month at Huddersfield last night, Great Britain have had precious little time to recuperate. A Lancashire Cup final between Wigan and St Helens, involving up to 14 of Reilly's players, six days before Wembley is a distortion of priorities.

contention for Reilly. Schofield is unwilling but a switch from stand-off half to centre, alongside Gary Connolly, is a possibility should the creative Bradford Northern scrumhalf, Deryck Fox, be called up for his first international to partner Shaun Edwards.

Andy Platt, of Wigan, one of tions, will feature, with Ward likely exceptions of Ellery Hanley, of Leeds, and Lee

Condale Hornets have signed the Australian hooker, Phil McKenzie, on a month's loan from Widnes.

☐ Chris Winstanley, London Crusaders' Australian half back, sustained a serious ankle injury in an accident at work yesterday. Ross Strudwick, the Crusaders coach, said: "Chris fell from scaffolding. We don't know the full extent of the injury at this stage but he faces a lengthy lay-off."

BASKETBALL

Defeated Kings start fresh life in Europe

By Nicholas Harling

AS ONE door in Europe closed for Guildford Kings. another opened. Under the peculiar competition rules devised by Fiba, the international federation, the league champions can now enter the European Cup Winners' Cup at an advanced stage after their exit from the more prestigious Champions' Cup in

Limoges on Thursday. Unlike last year when they had a similar option, only to incense Fiba by changing their minds at the last minute because of financial restrictions, Kings will participate in the less lucrative event this

We will definitely go into it," Barry Dow, the club's joint owner, said yesterday. "Our eyes are on Europe and we want to play in every European competition we can." Dow's mind was made up by his club's imminent move from their temporary home at Guildford Sports Centre to the £29 million Spectrum Arena where, he hopes, somewhat optimistically, to attract crowds of up to 4.000 for major Européan games. "We have a wonderful venue to play at now." Dow said.

cent arena, the Palais des Sports in Limoges, that Kings suffered their latest European comeuppance, their second successive failure to make either of the final pools of eight after the heady success of 1989 when they did so in the name of Kingston.

It was in another magnifi-

Guildford's chance had all but disappeared by half-time when they trailed 41-20 to the French club, rejuvenated after last week's 72-72 tie at Crystal Palace. Too many of our guys just didn't show up the first half," Kevin Cadle, the coach,

He refused to accept as an excuse the enormous handicap endured by Derek Thompkins from the first minute. The American gamely carried on after having a tooth go through his upper lip in a collision with Richard

Fortunately for Guildford, their two other play-makers. Karl Brown and Alton Byrd, came good in the second half to bring their team briefly back into contention before their eventual defeat by 71-57 on the night and 143-129

cagey start

IN DUBAI

ALTHOUGH Stephen Hendry was expected to dominate the final of the Dubai Duty Free Classic, on the strength of previous performances here. John Parrott led 6-5 at the second session interval in the Al Nasr stadium last night Hendry, attempting to win

the title for the third time in four years, struggled to find the form he displayed in eaching the ni Parrott scored heavily at almost every opportunity. His advantage over the Scot could

have been greater. Hendry won the first frame with a break of 66 and led 64-33 in the next when he failed to escape from a snooker, leaving a free ball. Parrott levelled at 1-1 with a 39 dearance. It was an exchange typical of a cat-and-mouse opening session in which neither player managed to stamp

his authority. Parrott's break of 92 in the third frame took him 2-1 ahead, but Hendry won the next two frames in routine fashion. When the world champion added the next for 4-2 with a 50 dearance, he appeared to be the most likely recipient of the £40,000 first prize. However, a 70 break gave Parrott, the holder, the concluding frame of the afternoon session and the psycho-

logical advantage. On the resumption, Parrott was the more composed as Hendry, uncharacteristically. took on and missed a number of crucial long pots. Runs of 53 and 34 direct from these mistakes gave Parrott a 5-4 lead only for Hendry to re-spond with a 112 break, the highest of the match, in the tenth frame.

Parrott restored his oneframe advantage in the next frame by potting brown to pink, leaving him requiring three of the remaining six frames for victory.

SCORE: J Panott (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot), 6-3. Frame scores (Parott first): 18-74, 77-64, 92-0, 48-84, 8-71, 47-78, 75-1, 102-31, 72-37, 14-112, 64-53.

NOBODY was surprised when Ian Woosnam had a huge first-round victory over an unknown 40-year-old Japanese with health problems in the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth Yesterday, the opposition was infinitely more famous, youn-ger and decidedly fitter. So what did Woosnam do? He

His opponent, Jose Maria Olazábal, played well enough but not even the world's thirdranked player was a match for an irresistibly in-form Woos-nam, who strolled to a comprehensive 8 and 7 win.

had a huge second-round

There are days when Woosnam makes the game look absurdly easy and this was one of those days. Just about every drive split the out with his irons and, most Mel Webb witnesses

a magnificent

display of golf from a Welshman

back in peak form

crucially of all, he sank every putt that really mattered. It did not matter what Olazabal threw at him, he would always top the punchline, always have the last word.

Take the fifth hole in the afternoon. After being six down at lunch, Olazábal had clawed three of them back; were we watching a game of two halves here?

It seemed so, especially when Olazábal rolled in a 27foot putt for a birdie two. Woosnam, totally undeterred, followed him in from 25 feet for a half that had seemed wildly improbable not two

Woosnam crushes Olazábal

minutes before. Olazábal did his best to conceal slack-jawed amazement; Woosnam, on a roll again, bustled off with caddie in tow to the next tee.

We were not to know it at the time but that was the beginning of the end. Woosnam, for once in harmony with his putter, in what has been a season of uncertainty on the greens for him, then gorged himself on birdies for

the next hour and a half. He sank a six-foot putt on the 6th and went five up with a ten-footer at the next. Olazábal made a dreadful porridge of his first two shots on the 8th it was academic, Woosnam putting an end to putt from 28 feet.

over. Only the last rites to be performed and they took place with what had become routine birdies at the 9th and 10th. where Woosnam sank putts of 15 feet and five feet respectively. Here was a man at peace with his Ping and loving every

minute of it. It left Woosnam donnie eight and the match came to its expected conclusion when he put an effortless six-iron to three feet on the 11th.

That made it seven birdies on the trot, a record sequence for the championship, and 14 single putts in the last 18

It was all too much for the hapless Olazábal, who did the decent thing and threw himself to his knees in abject surrender.

in the end, defeat mus come as a blessed relief.

Norman forced to pull out by injury

BY MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

GREG Norman hopes to be fully fit to play for Australia in the Alfred Dunnill Cup next week, despite being forced to withdraw from the World March Play Championship a

Wentworth yesterday.

Norman retired after six holes of his second-round match with Nick Price because of a neck injury which brought on a severe headache. "I felt terrible on the practice range but I wanted to give it a go," Norman said. "I knew soon enough the neck wasn't right and that I had no option other

than to stop.
"I could not but my shot to the 5th green properly and when I just punted the ball about 200 yards off the 6th see I decided there was no point in continuing. I didn't want to cause further damage.

Norman believes he sustained the injury by sleeping in an awkward position. He was troubled by it during the first round, after which he received ultrasound treat

"I wish I had got the treatment I asked for yesterday," he said. "I sent a message back after 12 holes that I could do with seeing someone about my neck, but they never turned up. If you start to feel something is wrong then it is best to get treatment for it straightaway. "I have arranged daily treat-

ment to make sure that I will by OK for St Andrews next hursday." Norman underwent knee surgery earlier this year. He is

on a strict diet and has lost a lot of weight. His withdrawal is the first in the 29-year history of the

Price was sympathetic to Norman's plight. "I could see Greg was in pain from the start. he said. "He did not make a full swing in the five holes. He mishit almost every

But Price, numer-up last year, said the injury to Norman could have affected his own chances.

"I needed a good match today," Price said. "Obviously I wanted to win, but I wanted to play at least 30 holes and get warmed up.

His opponent today, Nick Faldo, "will have seen the whole course in competition difficult for me".

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Robinson shines in Slovenia

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN BLED

SARA Robinson, the former English amateur strokeplay champion from Heswall in Cheshire, came home in 33, four under par, to take the lead in the first round of the Slovenian Open here yesterday.

Robinson, bolstered by the presence of Ian Spencer, her fiance, as caddie, went round in 70, finding the sort of scoring form that has largely eluded her in three years as a professional

After going out in 37, one over par, she produced five birdies in seven holes from the 11th, and only failed to break 70 because she put her second shot into the trees at the 18th. She is one shot ahead of the largely unsung trio of Allison

Shapcott, Karen Lunn and Rica Comstock. Even in these hard, largely sponsorless times, Robinson, 61st on the money list, enjoys the professional game and since she made the cut in the

Dutch Open in August, she has started to believe in herself Comstock, a former stockbroker from Connecticut, with only two wins in a decade and a half, and more, as a profes-sional, finds it hard to believe

in her putting.
Her erstwhile colleagues probably have more confidence in an imminent economic revival than she does in her ability to force the ball into the hole. "I'm not yipping," she insisted. "They go left, right, short, long. I hit 16 greens in regulation and had one birdie. That's not too

In general, the greens were highly praised, even though a herd of cows from the neighbouring fields took a close look at the pin placings during their early morning constitu-tional. The course manager stuck to Slovenian when asked

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB end fee unless stated): 70: S Robinson. 71: A Shapcott, R Comstock (U.S.), K Linn (Aust). 72: V Michaud (Frj. L Maritz (SA), S Gronberg (Swe), C Nitemerk (Swe), L Hacktray, H Hopkins (Aust). 78: E Ferquisisson. M Happenson Pholi), L Painchudy, D Petitzd (U.S.), H Person (U.S.). 74: J Hill (Zent), S Struckets, B New, K Dougles, 75: D Barnett, J Arnold (NZ), G Stewart, S Bernett, 78: K Espinsos (Fr), M Burstorn (Swe), C Soules (Fr), S Shapcott, F Durt, D Dowling, M Bertilshold (Swe), S Moon (US).

Chapman's record is matched by Langer

Hamburg: Roger Chapman, who is in his eleventh season on the European Tour and is still awaiting his first win, set a course record of 65 here yesterday but still found himself trailing Bernhard Langer by three shots after two rounds of the Honda Open.

Langer played with his cus-tomary precision to equal the Kent player's record as he moved to the head of the field with a ten-under-par total of

Chapman, who is often mistaken for Tom Kite, gave a passable impression of the US Open champion by putting together a round which included seven birdies. "That was one of my best efforts of the year, but I can't explain why," Chapman said. "It has been one of those frustrating years. Every time I have got myself into a good position to pick up a big cheque. I've fallen back."

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YACHTING

British Steel leads down African coast

By Barry Pickthall

RICHARD Tudor and his British Steel II crew re-established their lead within the ten-strong fleet as the leading yachts completed the first 1,500 miles in the British Steel Challenge round the

world race yesterday. Their position off Cape Blanc, the western most point of Mauritania at 14:00GMT yesterday, placed them a siender five miles closer to Rio de Janeiro, the first stopover port in this 28,000-mile race, than Paul Jeffes's Interspray which

is tracing a similar course

down the African coast and his crew were tail-end charlies which was leading the fleet on Thursday. These two crews and their rivals aboard the third-placed yacht Heath Insured, who are shadowing their course 40 miles astern. enjoyed the best of the weather yesterday and used it to extend their advantage over the rest of

the fleet Particularly so Coopers & Lybrand, which was caught in calms, drifting along at 1.3 knots 178 miles behind British Steel II. One crew to make a remark-

able recovery has been Rhone-

Poulenc. John O'Driscoll and

on Wednesday after losing four days patching and repair-ing their spinnakers, but yes-terday they were back in fifth place, 120 miles behind the leaders. The spinnakers are reduced in shape and performance, but certainly a lot

better than nothing." O'Driscoll said yesterday when reporting that they had caught seven fish for last night's dinner, providing a tasty change from their freezedried fare.

Sightings of wildlife has increased considerably now that the fleet has passed the Tropic of Cancer. Ian MacGillivray reported turdes swimming around Pride of Teesside, and Mike Golding on Group 4 had a seven-strong school of sperm whales come and inspect his yacht. "Some came as close as ten feet," he said with obvious

CONCETT.
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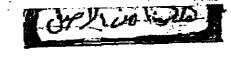
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FOOTBALL

Kelly hopes to keep Newcastle on course for record

By a Special Correspondent

DAVID Kelly, the Newcastle United forward whose career has been revitalised at St James' Park, hopes to continue his prolific form today as his side chases a tenth successive first-division victory.

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Kelly, 27, has scored seven goals in Newcastle's storming start to the season, including two in the midweek Coca-Cola Cup victory over Middles-brough, and is hoping to add to his haul against Tranmere Rovers in front of another huge crowd on Tyneside

Kelly's career looked to have gone backwards when a £600,000 transfer from Walsall to West Ham United ended in disappointing failure. After his goalscoring ex-ploits at Fellows Park he managed just seven goals in 41 appearances for West Ham and moved back to the Midlands with Leicester City midway through his second season in the capital.

But it was when he moved to Newcastle that Kelly, the Republic of Ireland international. rediscovered his touch. scoring 11 goals in 25 games to help them avoid relegation.
"I am playing as well as I have at any time in my career," he said yesterday. The only time I have felt like

this was when I was with

Walsall and I had a little spell

where I scored 15 goals in

eight games."

Kelly said he is feeling the benefits of having worked all through the summer to make sure he was in the best form for the season's start. "At the end of last season I was beginning to feel tired before the end of games and I knew in my own mind that I wasn't really 100 per cent fit, so I did a lot of work on my own in the summer and I'm happy to say this has paid off," he said.

The impressive displays of youngsters Lee Clark and Steve Howey have also paid off. The Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan yesterday agreed new three-year contracts with them.

Keegan said: "We know we have plenty of talent here in the North-East and we aim to keep it here. I hope there is a clear message going out. Newcastle United are no longer a breeding ground for the big clubs. We are a big club.
This is proved by our support and the way we are

are going to get the sort of wages their play deserves." Kevin Brock will replace the injured Kevin Sheedy today. That means there is still no. place for Mick Quinn, who

has scored five goals in five

playing. Clark and Howey in

particular have done well and

starts this season. Keegan said: "Obviously, Mick is dis-appointed, but I feel that we would be better balanced by bringing in Kevin. Mick's attitude and discipline has been tremendous and he is still very much part of our

Victory for Newcastle will leave them still four wins away from the record achieved by Reading at the beginning of the 1985-6 season, when they registered 13 straight victories in the former third division.

Leeds were undefeated in the first 29 matches of the 1973-4 season, and Liverpool matched that in 1987-8 before losing to Everton. Notting-Forest completed 42 games without defeat between November 1977 and December 1978.

Billy Bonds meanwhile urged his West Ham side to forget their Coca-Cola Cup exit against Crewe Alexandra motion. Bonds said he was not unhappy with the team's performance and insists morale has not been dented as they prepare to face Sunderland at Upton Park tomorrow.

Obviously I was not pleased with the result, but these things happen," Bonds said. "I was quite pleased with

Barnsley v Luton

Barnsley, at the bottom of the table, have not been helped by the sale, a week ago, of Smith, their solid central defender, to Notis County. However, Mel Machin's side has acquired Biggins from Stoke City to strengthen their attack. Machin's job could be in jeopardy if they left to defeat lightweight Luton Town, who will be without the injured Peake, their captain and central defender. Dreyer degutises and there is also a place for Matthew, on foan from Chelsea.

Birmingham v Leicester

One of many first division derbies in the Midlands. Gayle returns to the Birmingham City attack, after 14 months out with Achilles tendon trouble, while Rennie is restored to the side following six weeks out with knee floament damage: Whitlow and Gee are fit again for Leicester, who could persist with Joachim, a promising 18-year-old who scored against Peterborough United in midweek against wonernampon wanteres two weeks ago, Birmingham — missing the Injured Merdon in central defence — could do with a win. But Snan Little's Leicester City should have the beating of them.

Bristol City v Charlton

Denis Smith, the Bristol City manager, has used 23 players already this season. When he won promotion with York City and Sunderland, the madmum he used over a season was 16. His problems are highlighted by a porous defence but City do menace when going forward and could threaten Charlton Athletic's unbeaten league record. Charlton will want to bounce back from their surprisingCoca-Cola Cup exit against Bury and will sympatitise with Bury and will sympathise with Smith's Injury list. So amail is their squad that Alan Curbishley and Slave Gritt — their managerial team — are reluctant to let the players play five-a-side matches in training.

Miliwall v Cambridge Utd Only an unsuccessful role in a penalty shoot-out deprived Millwall of a place in the third round of the Coca-Cota Cup on Wednesday, when Mick McCarthy's side gave Arsanal the tright of their lives. Now, it is Cambridge Limited's turn Into Red ingrit or their lives. Now, it is Cambridge United's turn. John Beck, the Cambridge manager, has made subtle modifications to their direct approach but, when it comes to self-

Newcastle Util v Trammere
Can John Aldridge derail the Kevin
Kaegan express? The Trammere
Rovers forward used to cheer on the
Newcestle manager from Liverpool's
Kop but he would dearly love to help
prevent United collecting a tenth
successive league win today.
Tranmere's decision to dispense with
the sweeper system this season has
produced plenty of goals and they
could test United's defence. Keegan
replaces the injured Kevin Sheedy
with Kavin Brock, leaving Mick Quinn,
who has scored five goals in five
games, on the bench once again.

Notis County v Grimsby Neil Warnock a managedal future at

Peterborough v Brentford

Ankle injuries dictate Peterborough United must make do without Robin-son in their defence and Barnes on the wing. Payton, on loan from Eventon, returns in goal for Brantford. Portsmouth v Swindon

Guy Whittingham versus Craig

red but Beck is undecided about

Meadow Lane has been the subject of some speculation and this is a match he knows Notis County need to win. They are unchanged for the first time this season but Grimsby will have to one without Gilbert and



Aldridge: keen to end Newcastle's run

Maskell, Whittingham, of Portsmouth, has scored 13 times this season and Maskell, of Swindon Town, has 11. With Glern Hoddle wearing a Swindon shirt and Alan McLoughlin back in the Portsmouth midfield to face his former team, this match promises much. A must for the purist. Newcastle Utd v Tranmere

Having been on the receiving end of a 7-0 Coca-Cola Cup crushing at Derby County in midweek, Southend could do without a visit from Steve Bull and company lodgy. Wolves must decide whether to partner Bull with Mutch or Roberts in attack — or possibly both — and will be hoping that Slowell, their impressive goalveeper, passes a fitness test on his ankle. Jones, with one first team eppearance behind him, stands by.

Watford v Bristel Rovers Bristol Rovers seek their first win at Vicerage Road for 30 years but may have to do so without Hardymen and Furlong in the Watford attack.

Tomorrow

Derby v Oxford Utd Since buying a central defender, Craig Short, and a bell-winning midrield player, Martin Kuhl, there has been no holding Derby County. Arthur Cox's £10 million team can continue its climb up the table by recording a third rup the seque. recording a third consecutive league win. The script casts Oxford United as the tail guys. They will be relieved if Paul Simpson, their former toward and Derby's leading scorer with ten goals, talks a fitness test.

West Ham v Sunderland Sunderland's win at Upton Park last season put West Harm United out of the FA Cup so Billy Bonds and his players have reason for revenge. If the game today is anything like as good as that fifth-round ite, leel-vision viewers will be in for a treat. Malcolm Crosby, the Sunderland manager, pairs Goodman and Daversport in attack, leaving Byrne, at best, on the bench. Butcher has a groin Injury so Bennett continues in central defence. West Harm, beaten by Crewe Alexandra in the Coca-Cola Cup, could be without Mertin, who has a broken hand.

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Putting in the leg-work: Shearer works on his fitness during England's squad training session at Lilleshall yesterday

Shearer times his run perfectly to step up for expectant England

Stars shine brightest in a dark sky. One of the greatest plea-sures in a period when football's standards are under increasing question has been the emergence of one or two dazzling talents to light up the game.

None more so than the most expensive player in English football. Alan Shearer, whose performances in Blackburn Rovers' rise to the top of the table have been breathtaking. Shearer has scored 15 goals in 13 appearances this season, but more impressive than his goals has been his overall play. At just 22, his maturity has been staggering.

He could not have come on to the scene at a better time for an increasingly beleaguered Graham Taylor. The England manager's critics said that he fulfilled Napoleon's main criterion for a successful general - being lucky. His European championship experience in Sweden apparently destroyed that line, but to lose Lineker and then find Shearer ready and waiting suggests it may be true after all.

After scoring on his England debut against France, Shearer has not proved himself as a goalscorer at international level. There is going to be a lot of pressure on me now," said yesterday. "Because of what I've done at Blackburn, everyone is going to be expecting me to do it at international level, quite rightly."

Anyone seeing him on his early

appearances for the Under-21s could not doubt his ability, or his temperament. He has an astounding record for scoring in his first games at every level, with goals on his debuts for Southampton, England Under-21, the full international side and for Blackburn, in both the Premier League and the Coca-Cola Cup. Taylor is hoping that Shearer can mark his first World Cup game in like

fashion. Until this season, he had had his ups and downs, like any young player, now he has scored as many league goals, 12 in 11 games, as he managed in his first 80 games after his dramatic opening with a hat-trick against Arsenal.

Now he cannot stop scoring. "I've not changed a single thing since Southampton," he said. "People say I look stronger, but I think I'm still exactly the same player and the same person as I was last year."

On his form for Blackburn this season, it can only be a matter of time before he translates these feats into the international arena. The £3.3 million transfer fee provoked some criticism in the summer. It now looks like a bargain, as Blackburn's bene-factor, Jack Walker, pointed out last

People keep talking about the money," Walker said, "but just look at what we've got. He is a wonderful qualities he possesses.

player. He will be one of the great Blackburn players to compare with anything we have had before."

Walker's testimony might be disregarded as biased but team-mates. opponents and professional observers queue up to pay tribute to a player who marries strength, temperament, pace and skill, a far cry from the days when Chris Nicholl said "he couldn't trap a bag of cement".

That is a tribute to his hard work. He does not appear imposing off the field (5ft 11in and 11st 3lb); on it, he is awesome, his power, strength and sheer stamina marking him out as a formidable opponent.

He is the nearest thing to the oldfashioned centre forward I've seen in years," said Gordon Taylor, who idolised Nat Lofthouse, played with a few of his successors, and is now a regular spectator at Ewood Park, not to mention chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association.

"He is the perfect all-round leader of the line, and leader of the team. He has inspired the whole team, he has made people you saw struggling in last season's second division bubble

'He reminds me of Nat Lofthouse for his presence and strength, but there is more to his game than that. He uses the flanks very effectively, he creates goals for others, he drops back and gets involved in the build-ups and

then finishes them off. "I used to knock balls in for Wyn Davies and Francis Lee at Bolton, and Bob Latchford and Trevor Francis at Birmingham - I wish I was knocking balls in for him because he gets on the end of everything. To say he has the strength of Lofthouse and the skill of Trevor Francis would be a bit of an exaggeration, but he has Lofthouse's strength and he has the creativity of Francis, at times. He gets goals with strength and finesse."

That sounds like the encomium of the fan, but Taylor is not alone in his praise for a player whose work for the team makes him universally popular with his col-leagues and admired by his opponents. "What impresses us is that he is a real team man," Mike Newell, his Blackburn forward partner said. Off the field, too, he is level-headed

and helpful. "A person you'd be delighted to have as your son," Kenny Dalglish remarked.

If there is a fear, it is that he will be kicked out of the game, Against Spain last month, he had a taste of what to expect. "I take it as a compliment that people are going out to try and stop me, and it's a compliment that I'm the most expensive player in the country," he said. "That gives me confidence."

Add that to a growing list of

MOTOR SPORT

Lauda and Ferrari spark war of words

By Norman Howell

BERNIE Ecclestone, head of Foca, the Formula One constructors' association, has reacted angrily to criticism of the state of the sport in the wake of

Nigel Mansell's defection to IndyCar racing. Niki Lauda, the Austrian triple world champion, speak-ing at the Paris Motor Show, said: "A sport that cannot hold on to its world champion, that might even lose Senna, is one that is not functioning properly. Fewer protagonists will reduce the number of spectators, and inevitably the spon-

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sors will follow." The comments by Lauda, now a consultant with Ferrari, follow those of the Ferrari president. Luca di Montezemolo, who said: "We may very well take some time off to reflect on where we are going. Some of our greatest successes have been outside Formula One."

Between them they have clearly annoyed Ecclestone. "I don't understand why Lauda should make these kind of statements," he said yesterday. "He is clearly into sensationalism."

Ecclestone is particularly concerned that the comments

RUGBY FIVES

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Whichester 117, Wessex 88.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 3, Heritord Whalers 2; Quebec Nordigues 5, Buflelo Satrees 4; Ottawa Senator 15, Buflelo Satrees 4; Ottawa Senator 15, Moritreat Canadiens 3; Prissburgh Pangulas 7, New York Islanders 3, Mitmesota North Stars 5, St Louis Blues 2; Catigary Flames 7, Edmonton Oulers 2; Oetrof Red Wings 5, Los Angelas Kings 3; San Jose Sharts 4, Wirmpeg Jets 3 (OT)

ZURICH: Women's tournement: Second round: Z Genson (US) in J Duris (GB), 3-6. 6-8, 6-4; J Novotne (CD) tr N Zveres (CIS), 7-5. 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bit A Temessan (Hun), 6-2, 6-2; J Wesner (Austre) tr P Striver (US), 6-4, 4-8, 8-4, A Strnadova (C2) tr H Sukova (C2), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; S Graf (Gen) tr W Probas (Gen), 6-0, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bit M Meleeva-Fragnière (Switz), 6-3, 8-3, 40. Newrationa (US) bit B Ritmer (Gen), 8-3, 6-0. Quarter-firailer: Grai bit Wiesner, 7-5, 6-4; Novotine bit Strnadova, 8-4, 6-0. Navrationa bit Meleeva, 8-2, 6-3.

br Meleeva, 6-2, 6-3.
TOULOUSE: Men's sournement: Second round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt C Profine (Fr), 6-2, 6-2 P Kords (C2) bt L Roux (Fr), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; J Semerink (Holl) to M Rosses (Switz), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; A Medvedev (C35) bt P Geuthier (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; G Porget (Fr) bt F Sentoro (Fr), 6-7, 6-1, 8-4 Cusard-Rustis: Semerink (Holl) bt B Gilbert (U5), 6-4, 7-5, Boestch bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-3, 6-2

ATHENS: Men's tournament: Second nounct: Jamese (Sp) bit H Stoff (Austrie), 6-2, 6-4; F Claust (Sp) bit T Carbonell (Sp), 8-4, 7-8; J Sánchez (Sp) bit F Fontang (Fr), 1-3-8, 6-2, M Goether (Ger) bit F Furten (t), 6-3, 7-8; M Velev (Bul) bit M Aurelio Goniz (Sp), 6-4, 6-2.

will hinder other teams' chances of finding sponsors. "Ferrari has won so much because it has always had more money than anyone else," he said. "It is easy to win when you have five times the budget, and there is no reason why they should not be win-ning still. If they spoke less to the press and got on with the job in hand they'd do much

better." Lauda's comments have

also upset the Benneton team. 'Niki Lauda is of course an old glory," Flavio Briatore, the team's commercial director, said. "But I don't think Ferrari

the funds to go racing."
Giancarlo Baccini, a spokesman for Ferrari, defended his team's position, "How can you not criticise a sport that is not able to hang on to is world champion?" he said. Baccini denied a rumour that Mansell is to join Ferrari.

comments about sponsorship.

They don't need it, and all this

does is damage teams that

instead have to go out and find

"At no time have we entered into discussion with Mansell. We have two drivers and are not interested in Mansell."

ICE HOCKEY

Norwegians cruise through first match

By Norman de Mesquita

the champions of Norway, Romania and Spain in group E of the European Cup. confident that home advantage, something no British team in this competition has previously enjoyed, gives them a good opportunity of making further progress. Only the winners of the

group will advance to the semi-finals, which means that the Wasps will have to play far better than they have done so far this season to have a realistic chance. Valerengen, of Norway,

beat Steama Bucharest, the Romanian champions, in the opening match of the round robin series in a style which iustified their position as favourites.

They were rarely under pressure, except during the first seven minutes when they had three men in the penalty box. As Paul Smith, the Durham coach, had forecast, Steaua passed the puck efficiently but far too predictably

DURHAM Wasps headed for and their shooting was neither Blackburn yesterday to meet hard nor accurate enough to worry Jim Marthinsen in the Valerengen goal.

Svenn Bjornstad opened the

scoring for the Norwegians following an imaginative and swift build-up. His goal separated the teams at the end of the first period, thanks to some fine saves by Jan Stanciu in the Steama goal. But Stanciu was helpless when the Norwegians scored three times in only 48 seconds late in the second period.

Steaua's best player, Nutu Andrei, did find a way past Marthinsen before Jon Opsahl had the last word for the Norwegians, who skated off 5-1 winners with no reason to doubt that they can go on to win the group.
RESULT: European Cup: Questerfinals:Valerangen (Nor) 5, Seeus Bucheest (Forn) 1.

Tony Fiore, the Canadian,

has decided not take up his contract with Cardiff Devils. who play their opening Heineken League premier division game against Humberside Seahawks tomorrow.

Sir Barnaby in line for fond farewell

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Pippa Nolan, who intends retiring her mount. Sir Barnaby, after the competi-tion, is the leading British rider after the dressage phase of the Dutch three-day event

championship at Boekelo. Nolan finished 5.6 penalties behind the leader, Jorg Bodenmüller, of Switzerland. on Oree de la Brasserie, and boosted Britain to third place in the team event overnight. behind New Zealand and

Blown off course

Golf: The Grand Slam of Golf, a 36-hole competition between the winners of the four major championships. has been switched from Honolulu to La Quinta, California because of damage caused by Hurricane Iniki.

John Harrison, of Barnard Castle, won the Anvil north region PGA club profession-als' championship for the second time in four years after a play-off with Brian Rimmer.

Indian resistance

Cricket: India plan to resist the use of a third umpire during their tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa, which starts next week. South Africa want an off-field official to assist in decisions and Zimbabwe want to rotate three umpires in each match.

Jays strike back

Baseball: The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland A's, 3-1, to level the best-of-seven American League championship series I-l in Toronto on Thursday. Kelly Gruber had a hand in all three runs.

Iron resolve

Triathlon: Mark Allen, from the United States, will try to win the Hawaii Iron Man event for a record fourth successive year today.

CYCLING

Part-timers gather for trophy start

THE cyclo-cross season starts in earnest tomorrow with the first of the three National Trophy events on a new course at Dudley Castle (Peter Bryan

Roger Hammond, the ju-nior world champion, has elected to compete in the senior event, but warns that now he has started a four-year course at Brunel University. studies will have priority and his racing will be halved.

The British open champion.

David Baker, the Raleigh professional, is another who will be seen less frequently in cyclo-cross during the coming five months. He has a twoyear contract which requires him to concentrate on mountain bike racing, after his bronze medal success in this year's world championship.

Baker has won the National Trophy series four times, one fewer than holder, Steve Douce, who is also competing In the past 12 months cyclocross entries across the country

have increased by 24 per cent

over the previous year.

FOOTBALL FA CUP: Second qualitying round, third replay: Bernerton Heath Harlequine 1.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round, third replay: Bermeton Heath Hartequins 1. Bognor Regis 0. SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 2, Valencia 0. Leading positions (ether six metonics). 1. Deportivo La Coruña, 10ots; 2. Bercelons, 8; 3. Adisco Madrid, 9. NEWILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Winthicton 2, Bristol City 0. Postponed: Norwich v Coford Utd. PONTINS CENTRAL (LEAGUE: First division: Liventon 1, Leicester 2. Second division: Eventon 2, Huddersfield 1; Oldhem 1. Middlesbrough 2. SCHOOLS MATCHESE England International trist. Bouth of England 4, West of England 1. English British Gas Trophy: Bedford 0, North Herts 1; Chesterfield 1, Derby 4.

Bedford D, North Fac-Derby 4. SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCOPA: First round: Nacional (Col) 1, Cruzeiro (Br) 1. WORLD CUP: African zone group A quelifying match: Algeria 3, Burund: 1 (st BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SEPILES: Toronto: Celdand A's 1, Toronto Blue Jays 3 (best-of-seven series level 1-1). BASKETBALL ELROPEAN CLIBS' CHAMPIONSHIP:
Second preliminary round, second lege:
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(Zader won 174-173 on agg): Meccabi lege:
Avt 100, Berrice Lisbon 81 (Maccabi won 188-155 on agg): Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 108, HNRSY Helsind (Fin) 86 (Zagreb won 192-173 on agg): Mechalen (Se) 90, Haposi Tel Aviv 78 (Mechalen won 170-164 on agg): Chympiatos (Gr) 99, Smalt Ohropia (Sto) 81 (Ohropiatos won 176-166 on agg): Real Maddid yor, 200-161 on agg): Orthoz (Fr) 64, Elex Piserr Istanbu 55 (Orthoz won 129-122 on agg).

CYCLING LA DORADA, Colombia: Cissico RCN:
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A Moja (Col), 8tr 28min 25sac; 2, C
Chiapcucci (f), et 1se; 3, A Camergo
(Col), 22, 4, E González (Col); 32, 5, L
Harrera (Col), 32.

CRICKET

MERCANTILE MUTUAL CUP: Perth: Vic-torie 132 (D.S. Lehmenn S7; D.R. Mertyn 3-3, T.M. Moody 3-25; Western Australia 13-7, (M.R.J. Velatis 72 not out, G.R. Marsh 51 not out). Western Australia won by ten wickets. **EQUESTRIANISM** BOEKELD: Dutch three-day event championship: Dressage: Team: 1, New Zeeland, 165.0; 2, Holland, 176.4; 3, Greet Briss, 178.8; Individual: 1, Ones de, la Brassarie (J. Bodenmuler, Switz), 48.0 panellise; 2, Francy Hill (J. Bodenmuler, 198.1), 18.1; 3, Coeur de Rocker (D. Següret, Fr), 51.0. British: 6, St Bernaby (P. Noten), 53.6; 19, Bestie Blunt (N. Burton), 60; 28, Presmonto (L. Thelwell), 63.2; 38, Cn Spec (J. Jennings), 67.2; 40, The Dealer (R. Powell), 67.8.

GOLF

LAS VEGAS: Men's tournament: Secondround leaders (US uniese stated): 132: R
Germaz, 86, 84: 133: J Adams, 68, 67: T
Lehman, 86, 67: P Persons, 88, 65: 134: J
Cook, 65, 69: R Matthie, 69, 69: J Haller, 69,
69: F Allem (SA), 69, 67: T Schutz, 69, 69: D
Pooley, 66, 69: 198: B Flesher, 69, 69: D
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professionals' championetripo: Laeding
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(Celdender), 68, 71; W McColl (Northereden),
57, 72, 140: P Barber (Didebury), 70, 70; A
Dyson (Headingley), 69, 72
HBNOLMO, Japan: Women's tournament
Second-round leaders (Japan uniess stated): 144: I Shiotent, 74, 70; P R220 (US),
77, 72, 146: Y Nalamura, 72, 74; J Swill
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57, 72, 15; P Allen (Rathon-n-Makagifeld),
57, 74, 69, 211: P Berber (Didebury), 70, 70,
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68, 72,
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73: G Finey (Plessington), 71, 70, 72,
74: Grand (Funder), 75, 69, 69, 214: L F Turner
(Florafort), 71, 73, 70,
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YOURGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Bradiord Morthern 24, Warrington 14: Featherstone Rovers 16, Halliax 14.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SynNey: Australian men's Indoor cham-pionships: Quarter-finals: 3 Edberg (Swe) br J McEnros (US), 6-3, 6-3; H Holim (Swe) br P Kunnen (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; G Ivanisavic (Cro) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 7-6, 6-3; R (valicek (Holl) bt I Landi (US), 7-6, 7-5. SPEEDWAY

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FOOTBALL 31

England to try new partnership

Taylor brings in Wright to act as Shearer's foil

THE responsibility for ending England's search for goals against Norway next Wednesday falls on inexperienced shoulders. Alan Shearer and Ian Wright will form England's international strike force for the first time in their opening World Cup qualify-

ing group match. The pair have never played together at any level, which is hardly an ideal preparation for a match of this importance. but Graham Taylor, the England manager, was denied the chance to try them together in less crucial circumstances Arsenal withdrew Wright from the international against Spain last month.

'I think we'll complement each other, our styles are different in some ways, similar in others, and we're certainly both scoring a lot of goals this season," Shearer said when he was informed about his new partner, "but I don't know if a partnership can gell after just one match, and that is what

we'll have to look to do." At least the pair are in vibrant form. Wright has scored 31 goals in 41 games since joining Arsenal 12 months ago, Shearer 15 in 13 since his move to Blackburn

Whether that can be trans-lated into a working partner-marked by a bleep. Taylor.

ship remains to be seen, as Taylor admitted at the team's fitness assessment programme at Lilleshall National Sports Centre's human perfor-

"People keep saying how exciting the thought of playing Wright and Shearer in part-nership is," Taylor said, "but will it come off or won't it? I don't know, but it is exciting. What we have to be looking at is making sure we provide

them with the service." There's the rub, as Gary Lineker discovered in Sweden where England managed one goal in four games, and not many more chances, in the European championship

mind, the doubt about Trevor Steven, who stayed at Ibrox yesterday for treatment on a hamstring injury, was a blow. If Steven fails to recover, Gary Parker, of Aston Villa, will join the squad at Bisham Abbey

More immediate consola-tion was at hand from the sight of Paul Gascoigne, undoubtedly England's most creative player, outlasting his five partners - Ince, Dixon, Adams, Clough and Bardsley in the endurance "bleep test",

Yorath unhappy as Giggs withdraws

RYAN Giggs has been withdrawn from the Wales squad for the World Cup group four qualifying match against Cyprus in Limassol next week (Louise Taylor writes).

iggs injured a hamstring in United's midweek Coca-Cola Cup win against Brighton. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, did not initially inform Yorath of the injury, and Wales considered invoking a Uefa rule and demanding that Giggs, 18, travel to London to be examined by the Wales doctor.

Yorath, clearly unhappy, said: "I have been told that Ryan has picked up a knock. There is no point invoking the Uefa rule because he is out and that is it. I do not want to say any more about it." Jeremy Goss, of Norwich City, has been called up.

Julian Dicks, the West Ham United captain, has been suspended for two matches for his second sending-off of the season. Dicks, who was dismissed in the match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux last Sunday, was also dismissed against Newcastle St James' Park in August. ☐ Sunderland yesterday sold Thomas Hauser to the Dutch first division club, SC Cambutur, for £50,000.

however, was eager to damp down any excessive

I expected Paul to do that," he said. "He's highly motivated, and he has been doing a lot of running as part of his rehabilitation.

But however much Taylor resists it, if Steven is missing, as seems likely, it will increase the pressure on him to find room for Gascoigne, if not for

Taylor, however, was also quick to point out that, in told him little. They were the first of a series of 12, stretching over to the game with San Marino in November 1993, the final game in the qualifying group, and they are to be used for comparative purposes

Football, as he said, has often resisted this kind of assessment in the past. Now it will be brought into play to provide Taylor with further information as he tries to match the preparation of his rivals. In the long term, he suggested, it may even influence his team selection, although he was quick to qualify

The major indicator about a player is 'does he perform on the pitch?", but if a player's performance is not right and levels dropping noticeably lower than it had been three years ago, it would have to

affect my judgment," he said. in saying that, he may have given a hostage to his critics if not to fortune. After the disappointment of Sweden last summer, Taylor, too, needs a good result on Wednesday to get the critics off his back.

In the aftermath of the

European championships the strain showed, but he insisted yesterday that he had now put it behind him. "It is all changed now, we are into the World Cup. I'm lucky that I've got a very strong family unit when the pressure mounts. If I ever did think it was getting too much for them because they were becoming affected by the criticism and suggested that I should give up, they wouldn't let me."



Plotting a way ahead: Faldo surveys the scene at Wentworth yesterday

Olazábal swept aside by the bold Woosnam

IAN Woosnam yesterday de-molished Jose Maria Olazabal 8 and 7 at Wentworth and moved closer to another confrontation with Nick Faldo in the Toyota World Match Play

Championship.
The Weishman strode so efully around the intimidating West course that be had gathered 12 birdies and one eagle when Olazabal eventually surrendered on the eleventh green where, with a touch of drama, he went down on both knees as if pleading for mercy. .

23 birdies in the 59 holes he has played this week, will today play the American, Jeff Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, at the 36th

In the other semi-final, Nick Price, the US PGA champion, will take on Faldo, the Open champion. Price progressed when Greg Norman withdrew after six holes with a neck injury, while Faldo got the better of Mark O'Meara by 5

Faldo won this championship for the only time by beating Woosnam by one hole in 1989. Woosnam, the winner in 1987 and 1990, now has good reason to believe he can pull off his third success. game is close to its best and his putter is white hot. He had six birdies in succession from the 5th in the afternoon. record, and a seventh if one which Olazabal conceded at

Olazábal hit a three-iron to ight feet to win the 1st with a birdie but Woosnam levelled with a birdle at the 4th and from then on he was in control. He struck a glorious five iron approach to 18 feet at the 12th from where he holed for an eagle three and, with the assistance of four birdies, he went into bunch six up.

The history of the World Match Play is punctuated with stories of wonderful recoveries and, for just a moment, Olazabal must have believed the impossible might be possible. The Spaniard won three of the first four holes following the interval, holing from 27 feet for a two at the 5th. But much to his chagrin, Woosnam followed him in from 25 feet. Thereafter Woosnam holed every putt,

J Slumen (US) bt S Babesteros (Sp), 2

(Sp), 6 and 7 N Price (Zim) bt G Norman (Aus)

08.15 and 13.00

with good grace.

Woosnam will be difficult to beat. He has that impish look again, despite still trying to shake off a cold. Shonen will certainly need to play better than he did against Ballesteros. He hit several destructive shots, but as Ballesteros's game was in much the same vein, they mattered little

Situman opened the door to his opponent at the 12th in the afternoon when he hooked a four-iron into the woods. "I wouldn't say that it's the most stopid shot I've hit, but it ranks in the top two," Shman

Ballesteros could not believe his good fortune. He had square the match with a five to kered in two, came out to four

The match swung the other way when Ballesteros missed from five feet at the 14th and feet at the next. Shuman held his advantage through a comedy of errors at the 17th, where both flirted with the out of bounds, and finally sealed the match with two good shots into the 18th

Faldo built a three-hole lead in the morning when he was five under par. He had an eagle three at the 12th, where he hit a four-iron to seven feet, and another at the 18th where he chipped in. He began the afternoon by scooting a five iron to within tap-in distance at the 1st O'Meara helped bring about his own downfall by putting poorly.

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Slaven's comeback ruled out by injury

BERNIE Slaven's hopes of making a World Cup come-back with the Republic of Ireland football team have

been dashed by injury.
The Middlesbrough forward damaged his ankle in the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Newcastle United on Wednesday night and has withdrawn from the Irish squad for the qualifying game against Denmark in Copenhagen next

Wednesday. Slaven, 31, won the last of his six caps in the draw with Poland in a European championship qualifier

Lansdowne Road in May of last vear. ☐ Montevideo: Uruguay's professional players yesterday voted to strike in protest over the suspension of two second

porter violence. The action affects international matches. The vote followed the onemonth suspension of Basanez and Villa Teresa after one person died during clashes between rival followers on September 19. Players protested that the punishment, in-

division clubs because of sup-

cluding non-payment of salaries, was unjust.

the calendar because it's a leap year," a spokesman for

the ATP said. So now we

South Africa's footballers,

due to play a World Cup qual-

ifying match against Nigeria

today, must be wondering if they were not better off in iso-

lation after a less than ecstatic

Playing away

Wasps to wait for return of Andrew

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ROB Andrew, the England rugby union stand-off half, must serve the statutory eligibility period of 120 days before resuming his competitive career with Wasps. A meeting of England's Senior Chibs Association yesterday decided that Andrew had to be regarded as an overseas player, having played competitive rugby for Toulouse this sea-

son, and cannot play league or cup rugby until February. While this is disappointing for club and player, it will not hinder either unduly. Wasps, the leaders of the first division, did not expect to have Andrew

available this season until the announcement that his business career was returning him "I was basing my midseason plans on being banned from competitive rugby," An-

drew said. "There is plenty of quality rugby for me to play between now and February." He is available from October 31, when Wasps play Cambridge University; there are internationals against Canada and South Africa, a club fixture with Swansea and the possibility of playing for the Barbarians against Australia. He is eligible for the divi-

sional championship in December and January brings the five nations' championship, so his match fitness, high after seven appearances with Toulouse, is unlikely to drop.

Fitness is, though, a problem for Brian Moore, Aninternational colleague. Moore damaged chest and shoulder muscles playing for Harlequins at West Hardepool last weekend and has withdrawn both from his club's league game with London Scottish today and from the international against Canada next weekend.

The England hooker cannot

be certain of 100 per cent fitness in time for Wembley, and said yesterday: "The initial improvement to the injury has not been maintained and I didn't want to wait until the last minute. The squad can prepare knowing that the work has been done with the team that will actually play igainst Canada."

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The England squad, which will train at Wolverhampton tomorrow, includes two other hookers: John Olver, Moore's perennial deputy, and the uncapped Kevin Dunn.

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A double fault in the system

THE computer which crunches the ranking numbers for the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) has developed a mind of its own. Earlier in the year, it duly proclaimed that Stefan Edberg had returned to the No. 1 position at the end of a week in which he had suf-fered the worst defeat of his career - to one Robbie Weiss. ranked 289. This week, the compliment was returned in kind as the Swede, a recent winner of the US Open, was mysteriously demoted from No. 1 to No. 3, behind Jim Courier and Pete Sampras, even though none of the three had hit a ball in anger on the

tour for the past three weeks.

The computer, it seems,

has got ahead of itself and is

knocking off ranking points a

week too soon. "It's a trick of

welcome from their hosts. The team's troubles began when their flight was forced to divert to the Ivory Coast after being refused permission to land. Then, on finally reaching their destination. they were taunted and pelted by local supporters.

Not to be outdone, the South Africans' coach, Stan-ley "Screamer" Tshabalala, rejected the training facilities offered by the Nigerians and retreated, instead, to the American International School to complete preparations. If the match proves half as competitive as the preliminaries, it promises to be a real

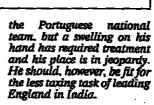


ANDREW LONGMORE Sporting Diary

☐ The England cricket captain is struggling to be fit for the one-day international at the end of the month. Graeme Gooch, who has bought a villa in the Algarve, was due to lead an XI against

Free enterprise

their hands in horror. Ove Neilsen has been so imbued



Hotel owners will throw up

with the Olympic spirit he is offering rooms at his Bellevue Sportell, in Lillehammer, free for the duration of the 1994 Winter Olympics. "I don't need the money," Neilsen, who rowed for Denmark at the 1952 Games, said. Others, though, have not taken the hint. The going rate for a room has risen to over £300.

Olympic gains

The International Olympic

Committee (IOC), already inundated with applications for membership, now has to consider a request from the American Indians. A group called Union (Unite Now Indian Olympic Nation) will lobby the IOC to allow a native American team to compete in Atlanta in 1996. Union points out that other American territories - Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico, for example — had teams in Barcelona, so why should they not join in? "Little Indian kids have the same Olympic dreams as white kids," says Steve Lopez, of Union. The problem, according to the IOC, is that the native Americans are not a Sovereign state".

Union plans to approach American companies to help fund an Indian Olympic training centre, but their chances of receiving the blessing of the IOC are considered almost as slim as those of the East Grinstead Hash House

Harriers, who have applied to Juan Antonio Samaranch. president of the IOC, to stage the 2004 Games at the South of England showground in

Ardingly, Sussex "Ardingly would make a perfect Olympic village." Ian Mabberley, the organiser, said. "We have worked out that it will cost us £356 18s 6d to stage, with estimated profits of £459 million 2s 4d."

Peanuts top draw

What do this unlikely bunch - Charlie Brown, John McEnroe, Steve Davis and Andy Capp - have in com-mon? All appeared, in varying forms, at the charity sports cartoon auction organised by Care this week. Of the 170 cartoons on sale, the highest price of the evening, which raised £30,000 for the charity's relief work in Somalia, was the £700 bid for a Peanuts strip by Charles Schultz McEnroe was not worth quite so much. A Spitting Image puppet of the for-mer Wimbledon champion

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WEEKEND TIMES

Secret diary of a Booker prize judge

Victoria

Glendinning, chair of the judges, can now reveal the

intimate dealings of the jury room — all

bar the big one

pril 14 1992: First meet-ing of the Booker judging panel, over lunch in the Elgar Room at the Savile Club, hosted by Martyn Goff jwho administers the prize for Book Trust and Booker plcj. I'd met him before, but none of my fellow judges. If there's a London literary mafia, I'm not in it. I didn't meet them all today either. We sat at a round table on green oval-backed chairs. One remained vacant, Mark Lawson never turned up. We ate stuffed vine leaf salad, chicken with asparagus, a kiwi fruit dessert, and got to know each other, sort of.

April 21: Another lunch - at the Groucho Club, organised by Martyn for me to meet Mark Lawson, who has been in Prague, recovering from reporting the elec-tion: also it was his birthday. He is one of those people who looks exactly like his photo, so you feel as if you know him even though you don't. He was wearing a rust-red shirt under a navy sweatshirt. Martyn was splendiferous in a silky-sheeny spring suit of selfstriped grey, pink shirt with white collar, and cerise tie with multicoloured balloons. I see that he is a serious diresse

Martyn said a lot about what makes a good Booker chair and what doesn't. Just casually — but I was meant to take it in, and I did. The good ones, he said, do not plunge in with their own prefer-ences or let themselves become just a member of the panel. They chair. He cited Norman St John-Stevas, as he then was, and Sir Denis Forman as particularly good for-mer chairmen. Well, I could never be remotely like either of them.

June 9: We were at Coolnaclehy fin Ireland] all May, and there was a postal strike. So I only read the novels that arrived before I left. The big parcel I had meant to work through in Ireland only came on horrendous. I'm taking notes as I go along, and am categorising the books I've read into three catego-ries: C for "Contender", NC for Not a Contender, and CBC for "Could be a Contender", which means I could be persuaded into

upgrading it.
Today I went to kinch (Lord, what a lot of lunches) in the Booker offices near Victoria station, to meet the chairman, Sir Michael Caine, and the Booker Prize management committee. A very hot day. Martyn tfawn suit) sat on my left, P.D. James twinkled at me from the other side of the table, and Sir Michael was on my right.

Unwisely, I reminded them of the idea I had put to the committee when I was first invited to chair the



Captive audience: Victoria Glendinning has spent months curied up with 100 good books in search of the 1992 Booker winner; the result will be known on Tuesday

judges — an all-woman panel. I had thought it could be successful; and good, controversial publicity for Booker. Obviously they d all thought it a lousy idea.

June 26: I have permanent headache, eyeball ache, insomnia. All day and half the night I read, or try to read, or feel panicked because I'm not reading. It's hard not to make simple readability the number one criterion. I'm scared my critical litrous paper is failing and that I wouldn't recognise genius if I met it. On the other hand, novels this assault course must be seriously good. [...] Every now and then I realise that I have forgotten the purpose and am simply enjoying a book, and that's wonderful.

Possibly in retrospect I'll be glad I took this on, but right now I wish to God I hadn't. It's my own fault. I said yes from curiosity and vanity.

August 19: Back from a month at Coolnadelty. I think we've had about 100 novels to read in all. When I was Bookering flat out I read one, two or three books every

24 hours, depending on length.
Today we had the "longlist" meeting, at the Groucho. I woke up sick with nerves. First, I went into the bank on Soho Square to get some money from the machine. I

put in my card and keyed in the number I know as well as my own name. The little screen said I had entered the wrong number. I knew I hadn't but repeated the process, twice. The third time the screen

informed me that I had had my last chance and couldn't use the card any more. I think my electric field was so deranged by anxiety that I was throwing the system. I walked out of the bank leaving behind the carrier bag Aunt Felicity gave me, with all my private notes and personal longlist in it. Went back, sweating. It was still there.

Groucho is painted Venetian red. Christine Shaw [who works for the Book Trust] sat in on the meeting. passing up the books under discussion, and so did Martyn. Today he wore a sheeny damson-coloured suit with a pink and white striped shirt, white collar, dark red tie with a yellow palm-leaf pattern. When I said how nervous I was, all the other judges said so were they. We agreed that it was even worse than an exam - because if we fail we don't fail ourselves, but the novelists. We worked flat out until just before four o'clock, with a break for lunch at the same table -

aubergine slices on toast, salmon

fishcakes, almond tart. By the end

Iwas a bit bossy and school-

...] we achieved our longlist.

teacherish. Under stress I become sharp-tongued. When Mark expressed concern about having enough women on the list, I was amazed to hear myself saying: "You condescending bastard."

I was so anxious to keep things moving on, we had so many books to discuss. But there was a lot of laughing, which was a bonus, as well as arguing [...] I liked it when Valentine Cunningham said: I am very interested in Huntley & Palmer biscuits and their role in

When I got home I was so quarters of an hour, not sleeping, completely inert.

eptember 9: I'm writing this half an hour before leaving for the shortlist meeting. I've just heard John Walsh on Radio 4 saying who li be on the list: Barry Unsworth, Rose Tremain, Adam Thorpe. And Blake Morrison apparently thinks that the final contest will be between Unsworth and Michael Ondaatje. How much, behind the amusement at their speculations, am I and the others influenced by what they say, and by reviews? We are constantly pestered by the press. I was tracked down by telephone yesterday when I was in a radio studio in Manchester, by a

London journalist wanting a quote.
I've read the longlist books again. Nearly all of them seem better second time around, so they were sound choices. [. . .] I'm dead nervous, again. I've dressed for this meeting to personify a saggy sofa rather than a hard chair, in a chintzy loose-cover of a jacket bought from the second-hand shop in Kentish Town Road. I just long to ring Martyn saying I am ill and would he chair the meeting.

Later: The meeting was in the small North Library at the Athenaeum, very intimate and secure. socks. Martyn, who sat with us at the table, wore a golden tie. We were all tense. With some difficulty. we got the list down to ten before lunch, which was served in the same room. Can't remember a thing we ate. We were a bir hysterical during the hunch break, which Martyn said was par for the course. He is very skilful - you would think that a non-judge at the table with us would seem intrusive, but he isn't. He sits completely still and silent while we all talk our heads off, and only stirs if we turn to him for some procedural advice

or information. After lunch we pared the ten down to eight [...] But getting the eight down to six was like scraping flesh. [...] The word compromise is often used for the way decisions are reached, but in this case it's quite the wrong word. It's as if there were an invisible sixth judge, "the

spirit of the meeting" - and I

certainly don't mean Martyn, but

some collective entity made up of all

This evening I'm so exhausted that I can't remember my dentist's name. I think it's Mac-something. I'm trying to get it by reading through every single Macanything in the director. This is madness.

September 10: The dentist's name is Cuinbertson. I m in a towering rage because of the rent-a-sneer coverage of the shortlist in The Guardian. Faxed a letter to the editor, and then rang up. They'll

September 24: Today I went to a literary hunch in Birmingham to promote my Trollope book, and sat next to Tim Waterstone. He gave me a friendly tutorial on the strategy of chairing the final meeting. He saw it entirely in terms of making sure that I got the result that I myself wanted. The trouble is that I don't yet know. I sit surrounded by the six novels, and I think about them and I read bits of them for the third time. [...] Most of what is written about

Booker in the press is dead wrong.



Serenity House, by Christopher Hope: a cuthanasia, with echoes of the Holocaust Max Mondaulcon is ondon to Disneyland



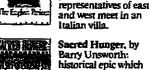
The Butcher Boy, by Patrick McCabe: Irish black cornedy about a teenage misfit whose Ma and Da come to sticky ends, leaving the



McEwan: novel of ideas, grappling with embracing 40 years in the lives of the remarkable June and

by Michael Ondaatje

on the post-war



Sacred Hunger, by historical epic which ranscends its genre by using mutiny on ooard a slave ship as a vehicle to indict the



Daughters of the House, by Michele Roberts: Anglo-French family saga in Normandy, but no entente cordiale here as a tale of hidden horrors unfolds.

DANIEL JOHNSON

Where do the hacks get it from? Sitting in the office picking their noses? However, Martyn never seems to mind at all, in spite of giving us pep talks about confidentiality. Maybe his tactic is to keep the pot boiling with rumours and mini-leaks and any old nonsense about Booker, just so that people remember to be interested in the

October 2: Spoke to Mary Sackville-West from The Late Show. I'll have to speak to camera at the Guildhall for four minutes, but not characterise the shortlisted hovels as a discussion panel will have done that already. So I'm not left with much - apart from announcing the winner. My general comments to the assembled company apparently come later, off-camera.

October 10: I know which one I want to win now. Day of Judgment next Tuesday. What the hell.

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Let chaos reign, but give us our day of saturnalia

nd on the sixth day. God created Saturday. Sunday may be the day of rest, on orders from above; but it didn't take Man long to work out that there also needed to be a day of fun. The Romans checked out their various gods, picked on Saturn as the party animal of the bunch, and named a day after him.

Every Friday night, living in West London, I watch acres of stationary cars making their vain. lemming-like attempt at a quick escape to the country. Why don't they leave early on Saturday morning and cut their trip in half?

Because they insist on having all of Saturday in which to pursue their pleasures. They're even willing to undergo torture-by-M4 in order to keep Saturday sacred.

Britons don't much care if Sainsbury's and other Sunday traders flout the traditions of the Sabbath - but try to muscle in on the promise held out by Saturdays. and the nation's collective psyche would rise in rebellion.

Maybe that's why (according to a detective friend) more domestic murders are committed on Saturday than any other day. Contrary to received opinion, the kitchen knives aren't brought out by the excesses of Sunday lunch so much as the frustration of Saturday's high

Full of expectation that Saturday will salvage a bad week in their relationship, husbands and wives feel fatally cheated when their hopes crumble. Another damn football game interferes with care-

Hedonists defend Saturday nights and Funday mornings fully laid plans, or the children run riot after a long week

at school ... all that longed-for fun fails to materialise, and tempers ignite.

Statistics show that people don't merely kill each other more often on Saturdays; they're also more likely to fall in love. Well, yes, all right, I've made that one up. But if it isn't true, it ought to be.

Dates on a Saturday are much more romantic. On Friday night you're still thinking about your day at work. By Saturday the inhibitions are down. Think of those women we've all seen on Sunday mornings, making



WEEKEND voice Cindy

their way home dressed in sexy little black numbers and high heels. looking happily abashed. They've had a great time - even better, an unexpectedly great time on

Saturday night and beyond. As an American expatriate here, I'd long accepted that British "reserve" is one of those rare cultural descriptions which turn out to be accurate. Then I went to a Saturday afternoon football match in Chelsea. The fans were a collective group of potential mass murderers. Cheer at the wrong moment and you might get knifed. We

know that John Major heads straight from Stamford Bridge to Chequers. But what do football hooligans do the rest of the week? My own Saturdays are wonderfully chaotic. I love having no due

what's going to happen next. Five children aged from nine to 16 are in and out of the house - often with friends - so it's a running scene of mayhem. Much preferring mayhem to the solid weekday domestic routine, I welcome the 250th showing of The Silence of the Lambs video, blaring Guns N' Roses tapes, tennis rackets splayed across the kitchen table and chocolate chip ice-cream cartons left, melting, on the radiators.

My husband goes out every

Saturday night to play in his club's poker tournament. Some wives might object to this, but I like it. I can watch trashy TV shows without guilt, I can spend hours trying to finish The Times crossword puzzle without guilt, I can even go to bed at nine without guilt. It's my

evening and I can do what I want. This particular Saturday I'm going to a dinner party — spouseless, of course Which, as everybody with a spouse knows, is much more exciting. He won't be sitting there thinking that he's heard that story a million times before. So I can tell my surefire anecdotes without - yes - guilt.

The only problem with Saturdays is that the post is delivered. This should be abolished. Receiving bills on Saturdays is not fun. It's a cramp on the day, a reminder that real life is lurking round the corner of Sunday.

Who sits down and pays bills on Saturdays, anyway? They're the people who should be working on Saturdays. They're temperamentally suited to it.



















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then, to discover from Mr Hugh Graham - who was undertaking research on the subject - that when he asked the production experts (the 'noses' at the distilleries on the Trail): 'Which is your second favourite malt?'

... they replied almost to a man: "The Macallan, and privately admitted it was the one they drank at home.

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ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS: Sylvestra Le Touzel plays a Russia actress spurning a lecherous DTINCO (Christopher Benjamin) in Ostrovicy's affectionate comedy in a new staging by the RSC. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 6891). Preview Mon, 7.15pm; opens Tues 7pm; then in repertoire.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel Dorfman's scorching osychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie. Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat,



Vampish: Chita Rivera in Kiss of the Spider Woman

THE DYBBUK: Katie Mitchell's thrillingly convincing Hassidic community where the supematural presses in on all sides. loanne Pearce superb as the girl The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street,

EC2 (071-638 8891), fri, next Sat. 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm. AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's astonishingly nowerful recurrection of Priestley's drama of social National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Thurs-

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room: matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.

next Sat, 7.30pm, mat next Sat.

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Chita Rivera is the vamp in Harold Prince's production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on the celebrated play about fantasists in a prison cell. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399).

Previews tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm; opens Oct 20, 7pm. RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery as a wartime radio star whose show is heading for disaster New musical built around Noel Gay's

songs such as "Run Rabbit Run and "Hey, Little Hen" Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-495 5040). Now previewing, eves 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat. 4.30om.

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: The Tempest, marvellous rock 'n' roll classics. Insanely Cambridge, Farlham Street. WC2 (071-379 5299), Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Alison Steadman as the raucou slattern in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, shyness and horrible mothers. The National Theatre production now

transfers to the West End. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Opens Wed, 8pm; Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. SIX DEGREES OF

SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sar, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

SQUARE ROUNDS: Science, good or evil? Tony Harrison looks at four famous munition-makers. Largely female cast, good acting but off-puttingly earnes National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD: Sheila Hancock heads an excellent cast in Peter Gill's Congreve Lyric Harnn

Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Oct 20, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Anthony Clark directs the Steppenwolf adaptation of The Grapes of Wrath, 'Dustbowi" America. Birmingham Rep, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Mon-Sat, .30pm, mats Thurs (Oct 22 and 29), 2.30pm; Sat (Oct 24), 3pm.

BRADFORD: The well-named Magnificent Theatre Company or tour with another sprightly revival, Sir Richard Steele's The Tender Husband, Dates at Stockton-on-Tees and the Georgian Theatre, Richmond (Yorkshire) Alhambra Studio, Morley Street (0274 752000). Thurs, Fri

LEICESTER: Paul Kerryson directs Russell Dixon as Wilde, the dandy in love with martyrdom in Terry Eagleton's Saint Oscar, Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Oct 20, 7.30pm; Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat,

MOLD: Maria Artken and Maria Charles in a splendid cast for Coward's Hay Fever, Alan Strachan directs. A national tour

Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Preview Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm: then Tues-Fri 7.30pm. iat, 8pm, mats Wed (Oct 21, 28) 2.30pm; Sat, 3pm. OXFORD: Fevdeau's mistaken-

identity farce Chat en Poche adapted by the fecund Kenneth McLeish, set in Camberwell and retitled A Pig in a Poke. Start of Oxford State Company's six-week

Playhouse, Beaumont Road

(0865 798600). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Fn, Sat, 2.30pm. SOUTHAMPTON: Love, song and the perils of hypnotism: Nancy Medder's production of Talby and Svengali for Shared Experience on a ten-week tour. Field, University Road (0703 671771). Opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm; mat Nov 7, 2.30pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON; This week at the main theatre: a disappointing Merry Wives of Windsor (Mon. Tues, 7.30pm). pleasingly acted As You Like It (Wed, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm), a so-so Winter's Tale (Thurs, Fri, 300m), and a de Shrew (mat roday, 1.30pm). The plays at the Swan include a thrilling version of Brome's A Joural Crew (Wed, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm) and Antony Sher, eye-catching though uncharismatic in Tamberlaine The Great (Mon. Tues, 7.30pm). Royal Shakespeare Theatre

and The Swan (0789 295623).

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FILM LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie. Denis Lavant, Juliette Binoche Lumlère (071-836 0691).

AS YOU LIKE IT (U): Moderndress Shakespeare dully staged in a derelict London site. With Andrew Tiernan, Emma Croft, director, Christine Edzard. Barbican (071-638 8891) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-



Belle and her beau: a scene from Beauty and the Beast

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U): Sumptuous Disney cartoon fairy-tale, blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

BITTER MOON (18): Sexual games on an ocean liner. Preposterous, turgid escapade from Roman Polanski. Peter Co Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle

Seigner. Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Haymarket (0426 915353) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332). BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof documentary about a right-wing

Eastern promise: Shohana Jeyasingh Dance Company with the world premiere of Making of Maps at The Place

folksinger's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising CLASSICAL

irectorial debut by actor Tim Robbins. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

CARRY ON COLUMBUS (PG): Unwise revival of the series, with mildewed jokes and a cast mostly lacking the old friendly faces. Jim Dale, Maureen Lipman, Sara Crowe; director, Gerald Thomas. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0425 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

CITY OF JOY (12): American doctor Patrick Swavze rediscovers his calling in Calcutta's slums. Strong on atmosphere; weaker on character and plot. Director. Roland Joffé. arbican (071-638 8891) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotional lives of a waitress and two daughters in New Mexico. Good-looking, well acted. Fairuza Balk. Brooke Adams, ione Skye; director, Allison Landers. Metro (071-437 0757) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Renoir (071-837 8402).

HOUSESITTER (PG): Goldie Hawn moves into architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses as his wife. A few bright spots: mostly very trying. Director, Frank Oz.

MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory. Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) Phoenix (081-883 2233).

JUST LIKE A WOMAN (15): Julie Walters falls for her transvestite lodger. Prosaic romantic comedy. With Adrian Pasdar, director, Christopher Monger. Odeons: Kansington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574).

LILITH (18): Occupational therapist Warren Beatty falls for Jean Seberg's mental patient. Splendid revival of Robert Rossen's singular and beautiful last film

ICA (071-930 3647). LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abril derails her lodger's

intended marriage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Vicente Aranda. MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Minema (071-235 4225). OTHELLO (U): Orson Welles's

dynamic version of Shakespeare's tragedy, first seen in 1952, now restored. Welles as Othello; Micheal MacLiammiór as lago; dazzling images galore. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SPOTSWOOD (15): Gentle, pleasing Australian comedy, with Anthony Hopkins as an efficiency expert battling with an outdated moccasin factory. Director, Mark Joffe. Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999).

SWOON (18): The Leopoid and Loeb murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American video artist Tom Kalin. Metro (071-437 0757). UNFORGIVEN (15): Clint

Eastwood's mellowed gunman is forced to resurrect his lethal skills. Marvellously resonant, reflective Western. Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, Richard Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM

Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (15): Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson as basketball con artists in Los

Angeles. Fresh, funny Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton, With Rosie Perez Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Nicholas MUSIC

NORWICH FESTIVAL: Highlights of this year's extraordinarily varied programme include tonight's concert by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performing music by Dvořák ("New World mphony), De Falla, and the edectic voung American compose Michael Torke (St Andrew's Hall, 7.30pm); and Monday's recital by the Smith Quartet of works by Steve Reich, Stephen Montague, Carl Vine and Kevin Volans (UEA Music Centre, 8pm). On Wednesday there is the world premiere of a new work

commissioned by the Festival from the Italian composer Franco Donatoni. A setting for voice, flute, clarinet and plano of a poem by Norfolk poet Michael Riviere. it is performed by Italy's Logos Ensemble (Blackfriars Hall, 7.30pm). Festival Ticket Shop, The Guildhall, Gaol Hill, Norwich (0603

764764), today-next Sun (18). **BALANESCU QUARTET: The** Balanescus, for whom Michael Myman wrote his last two quartets, have just released their second album, New American Music. This concert shows the range of the group's repertoire and includes a new piece by former Talking Head David Byrne, and the British premiere of Chalk by American post-minimalist Michael Torke. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon,

LONDON WELSH FESTIVAL OF MALE VOICES: A mixed choral programme brings together 900 choristers from Wales, England and America, and leading Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-823 9998), today, 7pm.

TOSCA: The distinguished theatre director Michael Blakemore makes his operatic debut with Welsh National Opera's new production of Puccini's melodrama. American soprano Marion Vernette Moore sings the title role; Italian tenor Maurizio Saltarin is Cavaradossi — both singers are making their debut with the company. Carlo Rizzi conducts.

<u>OPERA</u>

New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), tonight, 7.15pm. Apollo Theatre George Street, Oxford (0685 244544), Tues, Thurs, 7.15pm THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Amanda Holden, responsible for some of the wittiest and most successful English renderings of Mozart operas, has provided a new translation for this Opera North staging, which is directed by Caroline Gawn and designed by Alison Chitty, Conducto Andrew Parrott makes his debut with the company. The cast includes Gerald Finley as Figaro, Jane Lesse MacKenzie and Robert Hayward as the Almavivas, Linda Kitchen as Susanna. Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), tonight, Tues,

Thurs, 7.15pm.

Hytner's lucid and stylish English National Opera production is rived by John Abulatia, with a cast that includes Alan Ooie (Papagena) and Gillian Webster (Pamina). Nicholas Kraemer conducts. Sponsored by United Coliseum, St Martin's Lane London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed,

<u>ROCK</u>

THE CHRISTIANS: Slinky pop from the band who always show class in their choice of coverversions; on their new album, Happy in Hell, Gil Scott-Heron's "Bottle" gets the soul treatment.
Com Exchange, Cambridge
(0223 357851), Tues, 6.45pm. Symphony Hall, Birmingham 021-212 3333), Wed, 7pm. Royal Concert Hall, Glascow (041-227 5511), Thurs, 6.30pm. City wcastle (091-261 2606), Fri, 7pm.

MUDHONEY: Grand-daddies of heavy guitar grunge. Academy, Manchester (061-275 2930), tomorrow, 8pm. 232 8761), Mon, 8pm. University, Liverpool (051-709 4322), Wed, 8pm. Hummingbird, Birmingham (021-236 4236), Thurs, 8pm. University, Cardiff (0222 396 421). Fri, 8pm.

HAPPY MONDAYS: Their latest album, ... Yes Please!, shows songwriter Shaun Ryder in a De Montfort Hall Leicester (0533 544444), today, 7pm. Free Trade Haff, Manchester (061-236 7110), tomorrow, 7pm. City Hall, Newcastle (091-261-2606), Tues, 7pm. Barrowlands, Glasg (041-552 4601), Wed, 7pm.

PAUL WELLER: Formerly of The lam and Style Council, Weller is making a come-back. Albert Half, London SW7 (071-589 8212), Tues, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

GIL SCOTT-HERON: The influential jazz planist and poetic funkster sets off on a huge tour. NIA Centre, Manchester (061-227 9254), today, 8pm. Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754 500). tomorrow, 8pm. Riverside, Newcastle (091-261 4386), Tues, 7.30pm, Arena, Middlesborough (0642 251 854), Wed, 7.30pm. Central Half, Liverpool (051-709 4435), Thurs, 7.30pm. The Event, Brighton (0273 732 627), Fri, 9pm.

DAVE BRUBECK; Best known for Paul Desmond's "Take Five", this sophisticated planist and composer appears with his quartet. Town Half, Birmingham (021-236 2392), tomorrow, 7,15pm. Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061-236 7110), Mon, 6.30pm. Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031-228 1155), Wed, Spm. City Hall, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Thurs,

8pm. JIMMY GIUFFRE/PAUL BLEY/STEVE SWALLOW: Reedsman Gluffre, restless planist Bley and distinctive bass allow are reunited after 30 years for their first UK tour. Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.45pm The Junction, Cambridge (0223 412600), Fri, 8pm.

EVENINGS OUT JANE PACKER



6 I'd like to see The Rise and Fall of Little Voice which is about to transfer from the National to the Aldwych. Orso, one of my favourite restaurants, is nearby so I'd go there for a meal. I wanted to see it mainly because of Alison Steadman. I think she's brilliant. I'll always remember her in the television play Abigail's Pany. A friend of mine has the video, and it always comes out late at night. It's almost too close for comfort, because I grew up in quite a similar environment. I'd love to see Paul Weller at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. I'm not interested in his politics. It's his music I like. He's always been slightly off-beat — not a hip designer clothing type. I'd be interested to see if Carry On Columbus with Rik Mayall and Julian Clary matches up to the old Carry On films. They were classics, so corny but so funny. 9 | until lan 17, 1993.

DANCE

DANCEUMBRELLA: This year's festival of contemporary dance is opened by the Slobban Davies Company, which is presenting two London premieres as part of its Riverside season: White Bird Featherless, set to music by the krisk cogregorer Gerald Barry, and Make Make, set to a vocal score that incorporates the sounds of Innuit game songs, Pygmy golyphonies and Celtic funeral songs. On Friday, the Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Commany sents the world oremie Making of Maps, a double bill of two new works created by Jevasinoh, Britain's most innovativi indian dance choreographer. The month-long festival, at venues around London and on tour countrywide, is offering more than 20 dance companies from America, Europe and Britain. Siobharr Davies: Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith London VV6 (081-748 3354) Wed-next Sat. 7.45cm. Sho Jevasingh: The Place Theatre 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Fn-next Sat, 8pm.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company presents the European pre of *Motorcade*, a work grade by the trendy American choreographer Mark Morris for Baryshnikov's White Oak Project in 1990. Motorcade, performed to Saint-Saens's Septet the first Morris work to enter the repertoire of a British company. Theatre Royal, Royal Parade Plymouth (0752.267222), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm.

EXHIBITIONS WISDOM AND COMPASSION: THE SACRED ART OF TIBET: More than 160 rare paintings. sculptures and tap brought together for this huge and ible new show of Tibetan art dating from the 9th-century Supported by The Times, Silhouette and Vistech/Rebab. Royal Academy of Arts, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439) 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until

Dec 13.



Tibetan art: Padmanani. The Hermitage (see above)

Nov 3. RICHARD SERRA CANVAS DRAWINGS: The sculptor has been making "canvas drawings" for 20 years in the margins of his major sculptural work. They are made out of Belgian linen, covered with thick layers of black paintstick, and cut to shape as required on site.
This show constitutes Britain's first opportunity to see this side of Serra's work, and coincides with the exhibition of the large new forged steel sculpture, "Weight and Measure", created specifically to take up the whole of the Duveen Gallery at the Tate.

Serpentine Gallery,

Kensington Gardens, London W2
(071-402 6075). Daily, 10am6pm, until Nov 15. Weight and
Measurer Tate Gallery

Measure: Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Jan 17 1993. JUAN GRIS: The one leading

figure of the Cubist period not yet collected together for eassessment, Gris (1887-1927) is finally given a major retrospective of some 60 paintings and 30 drawings. This engrossing show concentrates on his engrossing snow concentrates on his sensuous Cubist work. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 5015), Tues-Sun. 1 lam-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Nov 29. Free admission on Tues. THE ART OF ANCIENT MEXICO: A selection of the finest Mexican art with the earliest exhibits dating from ten centuries

before Christ, Although the show coincides with the Columbus Quincentenary, it celebrates a civilisation quite different from the culture imposed on Mexico by Spain, with exhibits ranging from austere statues of gods and goddesses to animal pieces. Havward Gallery, South Bank. London SE1 (071-928 3144). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed, 8pm), ປກໝ່ Dec 6.

two pictures in mixed shows of British portraiture, and are always predicted to emerge enhanced from a much-ne retrospective. Now that retrospective is here, transferred from edinburgh, and visitors will be able to judge for themselves, comparing his Edinburgh period with his London period (as court painter to George III). National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071 306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat. 10-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm. Opens Fn

ALLAN RAMSAY 1713-1784:

Ramsay is one of those artists who

SALERGOMS

WEDNESDAY: Bearing's Torquay sale begins with so mportant furniture from Bridwell at Liftcuing, Devon, The best pieces were supplied by Seddon, Sons & Shackleton during the 1790s and come with their oriosnal invoices. A rare and larishly infaid marketry "envelope" card table is estimated up to £50,000, and 12 mahogany hall chairs at up to £20,000. The sale also includes collectors' items, clocks. and works of art. 10am and 1.30pm. At 11am in Glasgow Christie's offer football memorabilia. and Phillios Scotland have a sale. of Art Nouveau, decorative arts and Bearne's, Rainbow Avenue Road, Torquey (0803 296277). Christie's, 164/6 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-332 8134). Phillips, 207 Bath Street,

Glasgow (041-221 8377) WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: Sotheby's sale of moressionist to contemporary paintings, drawings, sculpture and ceramics may provide some sort of thermom the temperature of the middle market, Wednesday 10,30am and 2:30pm and Thursday at

11am otheby's, New Bond Street. London W1 (071-493 8080).

THURSDAY: Christie's South Kerisington have a maritime sale which begins with a special copy of Flags and Signals of All Nations (ap to £500) and runs on to ings, by way of a US diver's helmet (up to £800), and ship models such as a Napoleonic prisoner of war boxwood 94-gun ship of the line in an elaborate ase (up to £15,000). Christie's South Kensi 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581,7611).

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LONDON PHILHARMONIC Mariss Jensons, the Latrian-born. conductor was recently appointed, principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic succeeding Kurt Masur. Leninorad-trained, Jansons has made his name with the St Petersburg Philharmonic and his Own orchestra, the Osio Philharmonic (which he conducts at the Barbican). For his next LPO concert he conducts a programme of trauss, Mozart and Weber. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Nov 10, 11. ival Hall, London SEI (07)-928 8800), Nov 28,

LOST IN YONKERS: Maureen Lioman stars in the British premiere of Neil Simon's Tony award winning drama which is still running on Broadway. Two young boys are dumped with their tyrannical grandmother and emotionally arrested aunt in Yonkers, New York. Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091-232 2061), Oct 12-17. Richmond Theatre, Richmond (081-940 0088), Oct 19-24. Alex Theatre Birmingham (021-633 325), Oct 26-31. Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844), Nov 2-7. Aldwych Theatre, London WC2 (071-836 6404), previews Nov 10, 11; opens Nov 12.

OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole returns to the stage to star in Keith Waterhouse's stage version of his best-selling novel Our Song which reunites the team behind lefter Bemard is Unwell, O'Toole plays a married advertising executive who falls hopelessly and violently in love with a much younger woman. Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844), Oct 13-24, Apollo Theatre, London W1 (071-494 5070), previews from Oct 28, opens

ROYAL BALLET: The Christmas season at Covent Garden offers a new production of The Tales of trix Potter, a stage transfer of Ashton's cosy 1971 film, in an Ashton double bill including The Dream (opens Dec 4). Joining the repertoire a bit later in the season will be the full-lenoth ballet Cinderella (opens Dec 23). Royal Opera House, London WC2 (071-240 1066).

MEAN FIDDLER: Harlesden's showcase venue for rock music celebrates its tenth anniversary in November inviting back some of its past successes: Green on Red (3), John Martyn (4), Christy Moore (5), The Pogues (6), Militown Brothers (12), Belly (16), Chieftains (17), Davy Spillane (18), Fatima Mansions (19), Blue Aeropianes (22), Mary Couglan (24, 25) and The Sawdoctors (30). Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (081-961 5490).

VIDEO

THE DOCTOR (Touchstone, 12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knife and becomes a better person. Familiar enough material, but lively treatmen from the cast and director Randa Haines, 1991.

NOSFERATU (Aikman Archives. PG): F.W. Mumau's classic version of Bram Stoker's Dracula novel: creaky in parts, but illuminated by the director's visual sense and the cadaverous presence of Max Schreck's Count Orlok, 1922. SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (MGM.)

U): Fortieth anniversary video edition of MGM's exuberant musical about the early days of talkies. Great period songs, dizzy dancing, ruthless wit. Plus the original trailer. a documentary, and material cut from the release print, 1952. VAN GOGH (Artificial Eye, 12): No ear gets sliced: Maurice Plalat's masterly portrait of the painter's last months concentrates on Interior struggles. Unfussily mounted. with an acute sense of place, and a fine performance from Jacques Dutronc. 1991.

Film: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Classical Music and Operac ian Brunskill; Rock and Jazz Stephanie Osborne; Danoe: Debra Craine; Exhibitions; John Russell Taylor; Video; Geoff Brown: Bookings: Kan Knight: Salerooms: Huon Mailalieu

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Milk of human kindness for a little white bull

too weak to stand and he suckled by its mother, I had no option but to grasp the cow by the udder and take her life-giving first flow of enriched milk. You may remember that last tunck Sage, our remember that last week Sage, our British White cow, was found early one morning on the meadow with a floppy bundle at her feet. At first glance I thought it was dead, but it giance I thought it was dead, but it breathed with a chesty rasp and its brave heart pumped fiercely. It was clear, however, that if this calf was to live it needed that which only its mother could provide and, since it was unable to help itself. I was going to have to intervene.

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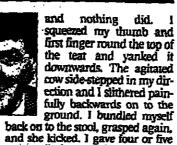
I have never milked a cow before and all the written words on the subject make depressing reading for a novice. The Standard Cyclopaedia of Modern Agriculture (1924) states: "No operation on the farm requires more knack and

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

nervous energy than the art of milking." Believe me, there was no lack of neryous energy as, with plastic bucket in hand, I leant

bucket in hand, I leant gingerly forward and grasped Sage's black teat, hoping she was sufficiently distracted by a bucket of rolled oats I had placed before her. I grabbed hold. The teat was warm, silky, pliable. The wise old tow glanced took to mean: "Don't start something you can't finish, boy." something you can't finish, boy."

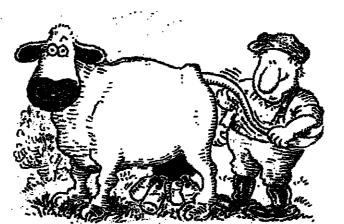
Cows have it in them to thwart any milker if they so wish. They have a let-down mechanism which, if triggered, allows the milk to flow. If they are not minded to switch on, no amount of pulling and tugging will produce the merest drop. So I pulled just to see what happened,



sign had gone up on the udder.

Then, in an inspired move, I hauled the little white bull calf on to its wobbly legs and gently dragged it to where its mother was tethered. You could sense the old cow changing her mind. She became calm, almost dreamy. She licked the calf, licked the oats in the manger and then, with a lash of her vast tongue, spread them over the

more pulls, but no milk. The closed



calf's little head. Sensing my luck had changed. I grasped again and nearly cried with joy when I was rewarded with the merest glob of creamy yellow milk in the bottom of the bucket. It was a meagre half

teaspoonful, and the vet said the calf needed a massive two pints. But it was a start.

This painfully slow extraction went on for three days. In between milkings, I studied the books and improved my technique from the cough to raise his head, and by day crude grasping and pulling to a four he could balance, but not move more ordered and gentle sequence of finger movements, like a clarinet player practising scales. I was told that one should "cup one's little finger like a duchess, and squeeze like a...", but annoyingly they could not remember the rest.

I developed the muscular handshake of a wrestler after two hours' daily finger movements. But the rewards were great as slowly the thick, globby, creamy colostrum, known as "beastings", crept up the the bucket. I would pause from milking, fill the bottle and feed the calf while the milk was warm, then back to the udder for another finger-aching session. I read that the last flow of milk, known as the

"stroakings", was the richest. Slowly the weak calf grew stronger. Each bottleful had the effect of petrol on a spluttering engine. On the second day he was strong en-

from the spot. On day five, just as I was thinking I might master this milking business, I decided the time was right for the calf to assume his natural role. I milked a pint and gave him half from the bottle. Then I hauled him to his feet and took him to his mother. I squeezed a teat and squirted milk on to his lips. I plugged the teat into his mouth. Nothing happened. He stood like a bewildered child with an over-sized gob-stopper. Then, with one joyful movement of his tongue, he sucked and swallowed.

There has been no happier time on this farm. For a week we have fought for that little call's survival and so, happier than I have been for a long time, I went back to the house with milking bucket in hand, made a cup of tea, poured a drop of the precious milk into it, and ted his continued good health.

Outdoor stamp collectors

Kenneth Young on

letter-boxing, a hobby that takes

walkers all over Dartmoor in search

of elusive ink pads

f you crossed a Times cross-word with an orienteering course you would get something like the curious quest known as Dartmoor letter-boxing. This cult has now caught the imagination of public schools, university clubs and army regi-ments, as well as thousands of families let loose on southwest England's last great wilderness.

The great outdoors hardly sounds the place to go stamp-collecting, but that is what letterboxing involves. The challenge is to find secret caches hidden on the moor, each of which is supplied with a visitors' book, a pen, a rubber stamp and an ink pad, so that those who succeed in their hunt can leave their mark, collect the letter box's stamp, and prove they have been there.

Letter-boxing could be said to have started in 1854 when James Perrott, a Dartmoor guide from Chagford, placed a bottle at Cranmere Pool, a bleak and remote bog in the centre of the moor which is still hard to reach today. In Perrott's day getting there involved seven miles of moor walking and bog-hopping, so making the trip was an achievement worth boast-

ing about. Perrott invited walkers he had guided to the place to leave their visiting cards in his bottle. Later the bottle was replaced with a small tin box in a cairn, and later still with a visitors' book and a rubber stamp, so people could provide themselves

with a souvenir of their visit. It would be exaggeration to say that the idea caught on quickly, but despite the risks of vandalism and the weather, it persisted. In 1888 the Dartmoor enthusiast and writer William Crossing attested that cards placed in the Cranmere Pool tin box survived there for years.

After the first visitors' book was put in place in 1905, it was signed by more than 600 hikers in the first nine months. The next year there were nearly 1,000 signatures, and in 1908 1,741 more pilgrims checked in. In 1921 the late Duke of Windsor, as Prince of Wales, gave the pool visitors' book a

royal autograph.

Another letter box was placed at Belstone Tor in 1894 and in 1938 a group of Plymouth walkers clubbed together to set up a third, in memory of William Crossing, at Duck's Pool, a boggy hollow near



Gaining their good-walk stamp: Pat Reid, from Maynard School, Exeter, with pupils Caroline and Helen Falla and Katherine Lewis

the head of the river Plym. By 1976 a souvenir guide map appeared showing 15 letter boxes on the

moor.

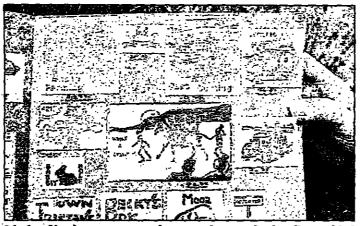
Since then letter-boxing has realtaken off. There are now about 2,000 boxes, placed not only by organised groups but also by individual enthusiasts, one of whom has set himself the target of boxing every for on the moor (about 200 in all.

Some of the earliest examples have made it on to Ordnance Survey maps, but most are thoroughly hidden.

Those who put out letter boxes

abide by a code of conduct agreed with the National Park authorities and the Dartmoor Commoners' Association. The boxes are never placed in any antiquity, nor near any of Dartmoor's 5,000 or so neolithic but circles, hundreds of burial cairus and barrows, 70 stone rows, or the dozen moorland circles of standing stones. All kinds of buildings, walls, and ruins such as tinners' and peatcutters' huts are off limits, as are potentially dangerous

The typical letter box nowadays is likely to be a Tupperware sandwich box, a plastic ice-cream carton, or an army surplus ammunition box,



Marks of intrigue: stamps are home-made or professionally moulded

patches of turf which identify

fully unearthed their quarry.

cunningly concealed under a boulder, in a rock-cleft, beneath a tree root or in a streambank hole. Finding from is a matter of working out clues, following com-pass bearings, reading maps, and in many cases knowing the stories and legends of Dartmoor.

Asking fellow searchers to show you the whereabouts of a box is frowned upon, though everyone resorts to it when desperation sets in. It certainly helps to spy on other hunters, or to look for the scuffed

locating the rest.

There are already about 9,000 members of the 100 Club. On the last Sunday in October, between 10am and midnight, about 2,000 keen letter-boxers will attend the hobby's biannual meet, in the Dartmoor Prison Officers' Social Club at Princetown. At least half of them will buy copies of the latest revision of the letter box catalogue

For those who are so keen that the annual update does not suffice, the letter-boxers also have their own regular newsletter which comes out fortnightly.

"The amount of pleasure that families and friends derive from letter-boxing is simply tremendous," says Godfrey Swinscow, the club secretary.

much-visited sites. Each box has its • Books on letter-boxing include Dartmoor Letterboxes by Anne Swinscow and 101 Letterboxes by John Hayward, £3.95 each and both published by Kirkford Publications, Cross Farm, Diptford, Totnes, Devon, Queries about the 100 Club and the catalogue (£4.95 plus 70p postage) should be sent to Godfrey Swinscow at the same address. The newsletter (20p plus s.a.e. for each issue) is obtainable from Tony Moore, 25 Sanderspool Close, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9LR. stamp, home-made or professionally moulded, and many are intriguing and idiosyncratic. So are the personal stamps the hunters use to leave their record of having success-Theoretically one is supposed to collect 100 letter-box stamps before qualifying for membership of the 100 Club and a copy of the published Catalogue of Dartmoor Letterboxes, which offers cryptic

Feather report

Residents rug up for winter

Jood warblers and chiffchaffs, blackcaps and garden warblers ... all have gone to the warm shores of the Mediterranean or beyond. The leaves fall and the woods empty of the summer songbirds. We are left with our sturdy residents, hunting for what insects and chrysalids remain, or turning to seeds and nuts for their food.

Some woodland birds stay all through the winter, defending their territories against rivals and singing to warn off intruders. That is why wrens are still singing this

crumbling robins in the thinning branches above.

Recently there has been much fighting, displaying and aggressive singing as young birds have tried to carve out a

Nuthatch: eats with the invader

land for themselves; and on the coldest winter days, the songs of the robin and wren will still ring out in challenge. But other small woodland birds flock for the winter. Rather than each guarding its own half-acre of food supplies, the birds hunt together, and if one stumbles on a cache of beechmast or a concentration of spiders, they all benefit.

ter flocks. Walking through a silent wood, one suddenly hears a murmur of thin calls and more explosive oubursts. A moment later the nearby trees are full of tiny, fitting

shapes — a tit flock on the move. Long-tailed tits look like flying teaspoons as they pass, constantly muttering, from tree to tree. Coal tits dive, flutter up, hover among the twigs. Blue tits hang upsidedown to get at an insect concealed beneath a branch. Great tits drop to

All these species join up in the flocks in the daytime, though they may separate at dusk. On a very cold night, for instance, long-tailed

tiss will roost packed together in one feathery ball in an evergreen. But other species also join the tits. Goldcrests like to accompany them. Tree-creepers climb like mice up the tree trunks, with the tits feeding round them in the branches.

A few species have a third way of life. The marsh tit stays in its territory, and may fight off another solitary marsh tit that is trying to occupy part of

it. But when a mixed flock will join the invaders and feed with them. The nuthatch does the same. A long, loud vhistle generally proves to be a nuthatch, and

that sounds like a stone bounced across the ice on a lake. When one nuthatch starts calling like this, others join in until the wood sounds like Morse code.

Sparrow hawks sweep along the woodland paths, or in and out of the trees, and then the flocks especially the long-tailed tits break into shrill cries of alarm. But calm returns. Soon the characteriswood can be heard: the sound of a tit flock feeding contentedly.

DERWENT MAY

 What's about: Birders — listen for the high-pitched calls of goldcrest moving out of woodland into other areas and arriving from northern Europe. Twitchers — Siberian thrush on North Ronaldsay, Orkney: olive-backed pipit at Stiffkey, Norfolk: booted warbler at St Martin's, Scilly Isles. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222.

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The Page

Dance until dawn with the beasts of the night

BUSH TELEGRAPH Simon Barnes

eople go on holiday for the nightlife. I am emphatically of their number. As I cominue to stay here in the Luangwa valley in Zambia, I find the nightlife of this busy metropolis more and more seductive.

There are those who object to noisy neighbours, but a true devo-

tee of nightlife delights in fellow-feeling: another late-night reveiler: another person out on the spree, making a beast of himself. Mchenja camp sits on the banks of the Luangwa river, far from the

sounds of man. We have none of

your electricity nonsense here, no throb of a generator to disturb the cacophony of the African night. The night floods towards you Every night I have heard lions. The true lion roar is not the half-hearted snari we know from Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer movies, it is an altogether stranger and wilder sound, caught half-way between a beich

and a clap of thunder. The river intensifies the sound: you can hear a lion five miles away.



It is a greeting, an announcement of presence, an acciamation of a pride's home range. Some put it as: My country. My country. Mine.

But the real spine-tingler is the hyena. The shrill whoop has a quality that penetrates dreams. The famous laugh is reserved for social occasions: hyenas on a kill giggle like hysterical schoolgirls.

The birds call through the night, an unceasing delight that tempts whooo's a naughty boy?" But my favourite is the Pel's tangerine feathers. The adults give

a deep boom; the immatures are even better. The call was famously described as a "lost soul falling down the bottomless pit". When the night turns charcoal

grey, the ground hombills start their didgeridoo duet. These are monsters the size of turkeys, with a you to postpone sleep indefinitely. 2ft bill like a meat cleaver. When My favourite is the wood owl; the ground hornbills start, it is time

which seems to ask: "Now then, for the day shift to clock on. At the crack of every dawn, the fish eagle screams out its presence. fishing owl, a massive bundle of and will brook no refusal. At once, I am out of bed and ready for a morning's stroll through the bush. The day rolls on: soon it will be time to revel in the nightlife again.

Ah, the bright lights of Luangwa. The Land Cruiser carries a highpowered spotlight and most nights we drive out to see which beasts are enjoying the night. It is the eyes that give them away, reflecting the beam. It is hard to see birds this

way; only nightjar have reflecting eyes. Other creatures create odd illusions: at one spot on the riverbank you seem to be looking down on a city at night. The eyes of a hundred crocs glare at the light.

umbering hippos catch the beam and back away in dembarrassment. They emerge from the water to feed every night. Dozing antelopes stare nervously at the light. But the carnivores do not give a damn. Leopards hunt, shrinking myste-

riously through the thickets. Lions prowl. Hyenas cover endless miles every night, up to no good. I have a special affection for genets: gorgeous little cat-like creatures with spotty, pouty little faces. They are related to mongooses rather than cats and they consume anything from guinea fowl to nectar. There is no more splendid sight to a connoisseur of Luangwa nightlife than a genet enjoying a banquet of flowers.

Every night, the nightlife is uprostious. But when the fish eagle calls the next morning, I bound from my bed without resentment. Another night on the tiles: another hangover-free morning. Really quite extraordinary.

Simon Barnes is staying with Savannah Trails at the Luangwa National



Exotic fare exchange



CARTAGENA, on Colombia's Caribbean coast, is as good a place as any from which to contemplate the exchange of foodstuffs between the old

world and the new. In the 16th century, the city was the bustling cosmopolitan centre of the Spanish Main. It was from here that the first cargo of potatoes left for Europe in 1547: they were grown on the sabana, the flat, high plains in the Andes. Today sabanero cooking is very much based on corn and potatoes, while the costeno food relies on plantain and yucca, which grow on the tropical coastline.

I loved the food in Bogotá and Quito, partly because I felt it was so adaptable to my own kitchen. One Friday night, I went shopping with a friend in the Carullo supermarket in Bogota, and it did not feel very different from Friday-night shopping here: a bright, well-stocked. spacious shop with its own bakery, fish and meat counters and an impressive array of vegetables four kinds of plantain and three grades of papa criolla, which is a yellow-fleshed potato, for frying, boiling and general use. There were several other varieties of potatoes, including one which is a new hybrid of a Scottish variety crossed with a Colombian potato.

We can now find sufficient variety in our own potatoes to cook Colombia's favourite dish, the ajiaco, which I highly recommend. I love to serve it at home, a perfect dish for six to eight people, served straight from the pot. It is an ancient recipe, part of Colombia's "three stone cooking", as my Colombian friend, Ettica, described it - three stones, a fire and a cooking pot, into which was put whatever was native to the region: shellfish, chicken or river fish, depending on whether you were in Caribe, Bogota or Tolimena province. Then a handful of herbs or wild greens would be added, and the stew would be bulked out with the local staple, potatoes and corn in the highlands, yucca and plantain on the coast.

The first recipe is not from Colombia but Ecuador, llapingachos montadoes sin carne, which I ate in La Choza, a lovely restaurant in Quito. Caldo de patas, calf's-foot soup with peanuts and white corn, and empanadas de morocho, small cheese-filled turnovers, would usually complete the meal. With it, I drank a fermented com wine, chicha de morocho, I do not have a recipe for this, but there is a very good Colombian drink with which to begin a party South American-style called cannelazo, a Frances Bissell, the Times cook, suggests a mix of old-world dishes and new-world flavours from South America

type of hot punch. For each person, put a glass of water in a saucepan with a small piece of cinnamon stick. Simmer for ten minutes, and then add a measure of aguardente and a teaspoon of lemon juice. Serve hot in glasses with sugarfrosted rims.

After hefty meat dishes, a platter of tropical fruits is light, refreshing and colourful. I would serve slices of papaya and mango with some wedges of lime. Custard apples, maracuya, grenadillas, pitahayas and passion fruit need no preparation, just a sharp knife and a spoon to scoop out the flesh. Physallis does

Liapingachos ato and cheese cakes (makes 16-20 small cakes, 6-8 larger) 2lb/900g floury potatoes

salt, pepper

202/60g butter l onion, peeled and finely chopped 2thsp olive oil 4 lb/110g coarsely grated hard cheese, such as Jarisberg, Gruyère or Cheddar

Peel, boil and mash the potatoes with salt, pepper and half the butter. Fry the onion in half the olive oil until soft and golden. Allow to cool slightly and then mix with the cheese. Form the potatoes into small patties and bury some of the cheese and onion mixture in the centre. Heat the remaining butter and olive oil in a frying pan and fry the cakes on both sides until golden brown. Serve small potato cakes as hot appetisers with the drinks.

Llapingachos as a main course

To make this into a substantial lunch or supper dish for six to eight, make larger cakes, and top each one with a fried egg. Serve with a little pearut sauce and some ripe sliced avocado.

l medium onion, peeled and finely chopped 12 oz/40g butter or olive oil

1 thep chopped green pepper 2 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped 4thsp crunchy peanut butter 4-6tbsp water

sait, pepper

Gently fry the onion in the butter, and when it is soft add the peoper and tomatoes. Cook until soft and then stir in the peanut butter; allow it to melt, and then add enough water to thin to a sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Fresh corian-der leaves make an appropriate garnish. Those who like its spiciness might wish to chop and cook fresh chilli with the green pepper and tomatoes. Llapingachos are also made with a meat filling, a spicy, cooked meat mixed with the

onion instead of the cheese., Ceviche (served raw for 4-6) 1b/455g skinned white fish I mild onion, or 2-3 shallots, peeled and

1-2 small green chillies

Queer gear: quince

'ellow, waxy skin with a faint grey down on it, large, knobbly, slightly pear-shaped, the quince is one of our most delightful and rewarding fruits (Frances Bissell writes). It is worth having one or two in a fruit bowl for their scent alone; our grandmothers once used them to scent the linen cupboard.

Quince is one of the few fruits not eaten raw. Even when fully ripe, the fruit is extremely hard and dry and fairly astringent. The quince is most often used to make cornelian coloured jellies and sweetmeats. In Portuguese the word for quince is marmelo, and the fruit is made into marmelada — our marmalade, a thick fruit paste which is marvellous at breakfast with rolls or lightly toasted bread.

I buy quinces from my local greengrocer. I slice a few into an apple pie for extra depth of flavour. I keep some to cut up and put inside a chicken or guinea fowl while it is roasting. The rest I use to make a quince and onion compote, which I flavour with cardamom and serve with game or poultry dishes. To make it, I peel, core and chop the quinces, and cook with a little water until soft. Meanwhile, I peel, chop and fry onions until wilted, and then add the quince, together with crushed cardamom seeds, some brown sugar and wine vinegar, and cook to a jammy consistency. It can be served hot or cold, and will keep like chutney if enough sugar and vinegar is used to preserve it.

sea salt, white pepper

2-3 firm but ripe tomatoes

Rinse and dry the fish, slice it into thin strips and put in a glass bowl or other non-reactive container. Mix in the onion. Halve the chillies and discard the seeds. Cut into thin strips and add to the fish. Squeeze on the lime juice, add salt and pepper and some shredded coriander. Stir well, cover. and refrigerate for four to six hours. The mixture can be made up to 24 hours in advance. When ready to serve, peel, seed and dice the tomatoes and serve the ceviche in individual bowls, with a spoonful of tomato and a sprig of fresh corrander.

(serves 6-8) 4-5lb/1.8-2.3kg chicken 2 large onions, peeled and quartered handful of coriander sprigs Spt/2.851 water 1 h/680g soft cooking potatoes, peeled and thickly skeed

12lb/680g firm potatoes, peeled and sliced 11b/455g small wary salad potatoes, scrubbed and halved, or left whole if

very small bunch of watercress, leaves only 3-4 sweetporn cobs chilli powder to taste salt to taste

Rinse and dry the chicken, and remove any cavity fat. Put it in a large saucepan with the onion, conander sprigs and water. Add more water if necessary to cover the chicken. Bring to the boil, remove any scum from the surface, cover, and simmer gently for 15 minutes Add the soft cooking potatoes and cook for a further 25-30 minutes. Remove the coriander and onion and discard. Take out the chicken, and put to one side. Put in the rest of the potatoes and cook for 15-20 minutes until the first batch is quite soft enough for you to break up with a fork and the other two kinds of potato are still firm but cooked.

Meanwhile, remove the meat from the chicken carcase. Add the chilli powder and watercress to the pan with the corn cobs, each cut into three or four pieces, and bring to the boil. Put in the chicken meat and simmer for about five minutes until the corn is tender. Ladle into deen soun bowls and serve very hot.

The traditional accompaniments for ailaco, served in separate bowls for each to help themselves, are thick yoghurt or cream, capers, chopped parsley and aji (a hot sauce of finely chopped spring onion or leek, tomato, fresh chillies and fresh coriander leaves, mixed



with lime juice or vinegar). Each person is also served a half avocado, peeled and sliced on to a side plate. The herb guasca is added to the authentic version. I have bought it dried in Bogotá and Manhattan but not in Britain. Watercress has the right flavour to make it a good substitute.

THE next recipe is a good one to keep for Hallowe'en if you plan to make a pumpkin lantern. Beef and more beef as well as sweet potatoes goes into this dish from Argentina. You could bake the pumpkin shell in the oven and

(serves 8-10) 2lb/900g beef brisket lb/680g rolled beef rib 3 sweetcom cobs, each cut across

الك lb/230g Toulouse or other wellseasoned sausage, cut into lin/2.5cm pieces 4 lb/110g salt pork or bacon, diced i celery stalk, trimmed 1 keek trimmed

l bay leaf 2 parsiey stalks 4 lb/340g chickpeas, soaked and parhoiled

water to cover

2-3 sweet potatoes, peeled and diced 13b/455g pumpkin, peeled and diced l onion, peeled and chopped

into 4 chunks

chopped fresh parsley Put the meats, celery and leek, salt, pepper, bay leaf, parsley, chickpeas and enough water to cover in a large saucepan or casserole. Bring to the boil, skim off any foam, cover and simmer until the meat is cooked. Add the vegetables, except the corn, cook for a further 20

minutes or so, add the corn cobs

and cook for 5-10 minutes more.

Scatter with chopped parsley, serve.

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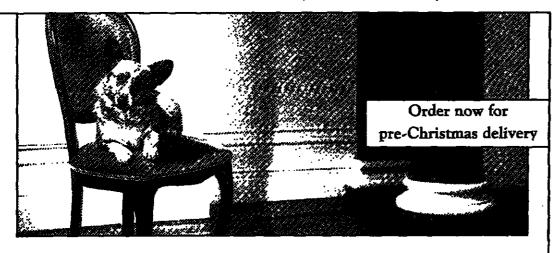
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Warm glow for winter

The recession is uncorking a better wine deal.

Jane MacQuitty

reports

hich of the big, beefy October reds, the first of the warming winter wines, are the best buys? To find out, I tasted 50 or so high street offerings. Wine drinkers imagine that

wine writers savour a neverending stream of grand wines and vintages. The truth is that for every one good to great bottle tasted there are ten duffers. This month's high street round-up was a happy exception.

Such concern for the customer's palate is not due, alas, to a new-found respect by the wine trade. Many British wine buyers still believe at beart that the public should drink what it is given, and like it. This October windfall for customers is yet another example of the recession forcing the retail wine industry to pull up its

Threshers' wine buyer describes 1992 as the toughest trading year he has known, and even Oddbins, the wine merchant extraordinaire, acknowledges that it is "a shrink-ing market". Dwindling sales and cut-throat competition have forced the wine trade to deliver a better selection.

My vote for a good, cheer-ing, all-purpose October red goes to Randall Grahm's The Cataclysm, a cabernet sarvignon from the J. Lohr winery in California, whose glorious, soft, squashed mulberry and loganberry-like fruit is a delight, as is its Oddbins price tag of £3.99.

One step up in price and flavour, but again blessed with lots of extra ripe juicy fruit, is the '91 Canterbury California Zinfandel (Majestic £4.99, or £4.24 until October 15 for mail-list customers), whose big, opulent blackberry style and rose-like scent shows that the American revival of interest in the mysterious zinfandel grape, thought to the same grape as southern Italy's primitivo variety, is justified. Australia, like California, is



a useful source of robust, fruity October reds. Mitchelton, one of Victoria's leading wineries. is probably best known for its powerful white marsannes. But the splendid 1987 Mitchelton Print Label Cabernet Sauvignon, its top red, deserves to be as well known in Britain. I loved its verve and style, thick with the flavours of mint, cassis and spicy oak (Majestic £8.99, or £7.64 until October 15 for mail-list cus-

More restrained but just as delicious with Bordeaux clearly in its sights is Brian Croser's cedary scented and cassischarged 1988 Petaluma Coonawarra Cabernet (Oddbins £9.99), his best cabernet vintage yet and again proof that Coonawarra is Australia's answer to the Médoc.

ack to France, and the Rhône valley is still the best source there for beefy winter reds. Not everyone will like the dark, heavy, perfumed spice of the syrah grape, but those who do should try Chapoutier's '90 Crozes-Hermitage, Les Mey-sonnières (Oddbins £6.99), whose intense, juicy, almost liquorice-like spice shows what 2 first-class establishment can do in a first-class vintage. Back on top too is the Cave

des Clairmonts, whose Crozes-

Hermitage has long been one of Waitrose customers, favourites. The '89 Crozes, an exellent Rhône vintage at £4.99, delivers oodles of ripe, plum and blackberry-like fruit. Finally, whatever else you splash out on this month, make certain you snap up the last of Davisons magnificent, mature '86 Domaine Font de Michelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape, whose extraordinary fine, aromatic sandalwood and cedarwood scents and

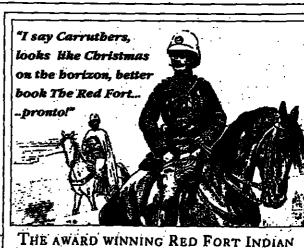
spicy fruit will not disappoint.

even at £8.95 a bottle:

THERE are plenty of good

high street champagne buys around now, because the greedy Champenois have lowered their prices, following increased competition from overseas and the likelihood of a large 1992 crop. A cut-price vintage fizz to consider is The Victoria Wine Company's fine, biscuity 1986, down from £15.99 this month to £13.99. Just £2 less brings you the strawberry-scented Oeil de Perdrix rosé (Majesty Wine Warehouses £11.99).

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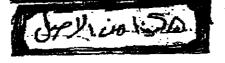
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Nature's sweet stuff

hat is sweeter than honey?" enquired the famous Victorian chef Alexis Soyer. "What is more pure or more nourishing? It is the milk of the aged, it prolongs existence, and when they descend into the tomb, it still serves to embalm them." Little wonder that honey has excited such interest for so long.

The earlist evidence of man's fondness for this nourishing sweetener is to be found in a painting in the Spider Cave in eastern Spain, which dates back some 8,000 years. A lissom figure clings precariously to a branch. One hand holds a basket, the other is plunged deeply into what looks curiously like a Sixties beehive hairdo. Bees buzz angrily around; the whole business looks exceedingly hazardous. Over the centuries man's taste for honey has remained undiminished, although relieving the bees of their precious product has become a marginally less complicated affair.

Honey has always featured extensively in the literature, art. religious observance and medical practice of all the major civilisations. The love

Honey went out of fashion with the advent of sugar.

Now, Sue Style reports, it is making a comeback

poetry of the Sumerians describes the caresses of a bride as "more fragrant than honey". For the ancient Egyptians, bees represented royalty while honey was food first for the gods, then for humans. The ancient Greeks' enthusiasm for honey rivalled that of the Egyptians. The followers of Pythagoras (when not working on their sums) made sustaining meals of bread and honey and far outlived their contemporaries: Hippocrates, father of medicine, was an early exponent of the hot toddy for a sore throat. The Old Testament the Tolerad Testament, the Talmud and the Koran all refer to the healing and nourishing properties of honey.

The Romans, too. were no mean mellivores: Apicius, in his famous cookbook, included honey in about half of the 468-odd recipes. Virgil referred to it as "the heavenly gift... from the skies". To the Mayas and the Aztecs, bees were sacred. The beautifully illustrated chronicles from the monastery of St Gall and the Leech Book of Glastonbury

Abbey show that medieval monks were skilled apiarists.

When sugar began to supplant honey as the universal cheap sweetener, honey's star began to fade. But the revival of interest in natural products for both consumption and

cure is once again producing a

taste for it. Consumers are

spoilt for choice between single flower, multi-flower, honeydew and blended honeys, creamy, smooth or crystallised.

Single flower hon-

eys come predominantly from a single nectar source. To achieve this, a beekeeper may purposely move his hives to an area to catch a certain crop in bloom (heather, lavender, acacia); alternatively if his hives are surrounded by uninterrupted vistas of one crop only (oilseed vistas of one crop only (oilseed rape in much of Europe, clover in Canada), there will be little doubt about which flower the honey is made from.

Multi-flower honeys come from a rich mix of widely

varying flora from all around the hive. Increasingly, some of the best come no longer from country bees but from their town cousins. Nowadays the countryside is distinguished by huge monocultures, whereas the towns are full of bright suburban parks and gardens offering rich nectar pickings.

Honeydew honeys, rich, dark and minerally, come from areas where the bees forage not nectar but honeydew, a secretion deposited on certain trees and plants by plant-sucking in-

plants by plant-sucking insects. Blended honeys are put together by a honey blender who buys in bulk from many different sources. Finally, the consistency of

rinally, the consistency of honey varies from liquid and star-bright to smoothly firm or crunchily granulated. Honey in the hive is liquid, mainly because it is warm; once extracted and cooled it will usually proceed to granulate, rather quickly in the case of oilseed rape, and rather slowly

(or not at all) in the case of tupelo or acacia. The comb honey of childhood memory is fast becoming a rarity in Britain, for it is fiddly and expensive for the bee keeper to produce. One alternative is a chunk of crunchy comb suspended in a jar of liquid honey.

And the best honey? For sheer, exotic, citrus aromas, try orange blossom honey; uncapping the jar is like wandering into an orange grove. Acacia, often considered the aristocrat of honeys, has all the heady perfume of the white, grape-like blossoms of the acacia tree, while the later-flowering lime trees contribute their own delicate floral aromas.

Chestnut and heather hon-

eys have their devotees, though the distinctive, bittersweet flavours are too assertive for some. Among the most intriguing sounding is the miele amaro di Corbezzolo from Sardinia, honey from the strawberry tree (Arbutus unedo). Distinguished by an almost intolerable bitterness, it is said to have been a particular favourite of the Marquis de

 Honey by Sue Style is published by Pavilion on October 29, £9.99



Grilled duck breasts with sweet-sour marinade

A simple and stunning dish of duck breasts marinated in honey, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger and orange juice; the marinade forms the basis for the sauce. Best of all on the barbecue, but a grill works well too. Serve with ribbon noodles mixed with matchstick strips of lightly cooked courgette (zucchini).

(serves 2)
2 small duck breasts; salt and pepper
2 thsp honey: I the wine vinegar or Melfor

Itsp soy sauce; juice 1 orange a walnut-sized piece fresh ginger, grated; 20z/50g butter

Rub the salt and pepper well into the duck breasts. In a shallow dish mix together the honey, vinegar, soy sauce, orange juice and ginger. Roll the duck breasts in the marinade and put in the fridge for a few hours or overnight. Turn occasionally. Barbecue (or grill) the breasts for 8-10 minutes (skin side down on the barbecue, skin side up under the grill) or until the skin is crispy and the flesh slightly pink. Put the marinade in a pan and boil hard to reduce to a syrup. Remove from heat, whisk in butter and serve with the breasts.

Bitten by the beekeeping bug

With minimal effort you can collect fresh honey from your garden — even in the city

he prospect of sharing our small back garden in Islington with 50,000 bees did not immediately appeal. In summer I wage war on aphids which attack the roses, worms which attack the apples and snails which attack everything, and the idea of encouraging a colony of stinging insects was alarming. My husband, Colin, however, was convinced of the wisdom of the idea as soon as he had worked out that the buzzing black rain which was swirling around the garden was not a plague of biblical proportions but a swarm of

honey bees.

The first task was to catch them. In the time that it had taken me to persuade him not to venture into the garden armed with the linen basket as a make-shift skep, the bees had settled on to a low-hanging branch on the lilac bush. A phone call to a beekeeping cousin in Scotland informed us that bees gorge themselves on honey prior to swarming, and with full abdomens are unable or disinclined to sting. "Just shake them into a card-

board box." was the advice.
Colin ventured forth. unprotected, and I stood by the phone ready to call an ambulance. One snip of the branch with a pair of secateurs and the bees were ours. The previous year we had visited the National Honey Show in

Honey Show in
Chelsea and had come away
armed with a jar of honey and
a book on beekeeping. This
proved helpful.
The real problems started

the following day. An early inspection of the bees revealed that their abdomens were no longer full. Colin retreated with a stung thumb. After a series of telephone calls, he managed to track down a beekeeping management consul-tant. Fiona Edwards-Stuart. She arrived with a spare hive. bee veils, beeswax foundation and white zoot suits. By 7pm the bees were in their new home and we had learnt never to approach a beehive from the front. The bees, concerned that their honey is about to be plundered, automatically sting. Mrs Edwards-Stuart said our bees were Italian in origin and had a reasonably pleasant temperament.

pleasant temperament.

Since then it has been trial and error, phone calls to Mrs Edwards-Stuart and much consultation of books. The bees, now in a permanent hive of their own, have lived for the past year on the railway embankment adjacent to our garden. Despite my initial



Beekeeper Gillian Bowditch

misgivings they have proved easy to keep. During the winter they need practically no looking after. In the summer, they require only occasional inspections. Experts would no doubt be appalled, but the bees appear to survive.

After capturing the bees, our next port of call was to a beekeeper in Harrow who supplies equipment and is generous with advice. The initial outlay was about £200 and could have been less had we chosen to buy second-hand

hives. Since then the cost has been minimal: beeswax foundation and wooden frames, a spare second-hand hive and, of course, some jars.

some jars.
So far this year
the hives have produced 55lb
of honey, which we extracted
in late May and mid-September. Our first honey crop was
light and floral, the second
dark and slightly treacly — a
surprising difference in taste
depending on the flowers from
which it is produced

which it is produced.

The honey is taken from the beeswax frames by spinning them in a rotational extractor, and there is immense satisfaction in watching the light golden unctuous liquid glug out into the jars.

So far our bees have shown no sign of the varroa mite which is afflicting many hives in Britain, although a case has been found in Hackney, north London. Bayer now makes a treatment for the disease which the agriculture ministry is recommending (more information is available from the National Bee Unit in Ludington, 0789 750601).

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

■ Those interested in keeping bees should visit the National Honey Show from October 29-31 at The National Army Museum. Royal Huspital Road, Chelsea.

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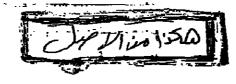
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A buffalo's eye view of grunge

Sue Crewe at the Mean Fiddler club, alma mater of The Pogues and bands from folk-rock to thrash metal grunge

The audience

can be more

interesting

than bands

hangs a buffalo's head; one helluva testimony to the taxidermist's art. Heavy-horned and poor, de-bodied beast has heard more live music than Virgin Records' A'n' R (a person of immeasurable importance in the

music world, whom the uninitiated might describe as a talent scout). This just isn't the buffalo's evening. He was presumably part of

the original décor when the place was kitted out as a honky-tonk bar and the acoustic guitar ruled, but this is a showcase night and four aspiring groups from Oxford have come to northwest London to thrash their instruments and rend the air with some ear-splitting grunge-rock. My arrival at

9.30pm coincides with that of an all-girl quartet called Death By Crimpers, whose style is fast, loud and unmelodious. Clearly wishing to inject a little menace into the proceedings, the rhythm guitarist had modelled herself on Pat Robertson of Sisters of Mercy fame. She stands glum and motionless below her 2ft. storm-damaged bouffant. But maybe she is shy or concentrating on the problem of shaping chords with inch-long fingernails.

The drummer wears a sequined tea-cosy on her head and wields the sticks furiously. Her generous bosom jigs in sync and nearly jigs right out of its rather inadequate housing. The second rhythm guitar has chosen to wear an interesting jerkin made of crochet-work squares, looking like a hot-water bottle cover. Their 100 or so bussed-in fans parley with their heroines between numbers in tones

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FROM the Mean of coy cheeriness. She who wears Fiddler's balcony the hot-water bottle cover stands the hot-water bottle cover stands with feet firmly planted on the stage and twists her head, as though to sweep the floor with her plaited and beaded dreadlocks; the fans face the stage and do likewise.

The audience tonight is young, enthusiastic and friendly. Dress veers from the fastidiously unkempt bagginess of Happy Monday clones (mainly the boys), to an uneasy alliance between heavy metal tight black leg-wear and the crushed velvet psychedelia of the Goth ghetto (mainly the girls). In

some ways the audience is more interesting than the bands. A sub-Goth announces that she is going to ask for her £5.50 entrance fee back. "I asked them on the door if it was going to be noisy and they said it wasn't. What do we get? All this headbanging stuff." It transpires that she is a primary school teacher: "children between

volunteers helpfully. She had met the two Asian girls she was with through teaching their daughters. Two boys at the bar turn out to be a roadie and a club doorman from Oxford, not the A'n' R men that their cool knowingness suggests. Did they come to clubs like this to meet girls? No, they did not; they

the ages of four and eight", she

came to listen to the bands, "and anyway, one of them said rather primly, "I'm a married man".

The Mean Fiddler came into being in 1982, the love child of one-time second-hand furniture dealer Vince Power. Power had a passion for country and western music and bought the notorious after-hours drinking bar from the boxer Terry Downes, after it had been closed down by the police. His

aim was to make it the best live-

music venue in town; a staging post

for musicians between the tiny

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venues and The Town and Country

Club, for example. The place holds 600 when the balcony is open and has four bars. Tonight the balcony is host only to the buffalo's head, and the bar in the acoustic room turns out to be a good place for a quiet chat. No one's pretending tonight's gig is going to make history, but it is testimony to a catholic music policy which ranges from folk-rock, through country and western, Irish, blues, world, independent and, well - thrash metal grungers.

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Who plays the club is in the hands of Mark Johnson, the slight, quietly spoken booker. He doesn't think that record companies are the best people to spot talent. "A buzz goes round, you get to hear that a band's causing a stir and you book them. If you believe in a band you have to go on giving them expo-sure," he says. "The major labels are always behind the times any-way. Independent labels look after and nurture talent." He approves of Mute Records and 4AD because

they were started by people with

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passion and built up from a small personal basis.

One of the bookers trickier moments occurred when the jazz pianist Dr John from New Orleans overdid the pharmaceuticals and cancelled. Faced with restless customers from all over the country, he telephoned Dr John's greatest fan, Jools Holland, who sped over from

his home to plug the gap. Next month is the Mean Fiddler's tenth anniversary, so November will feature acts that got their first break at the club: The Pogues,

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Tanita Tikaram, Christy Moore, John Martyn and many more. It's a friendly, relaxed, un-posy place. Nobody feels tyrannised by a dress code, and the doorman may be large but he smiles at you, even a would-be, could-be granny like me.

♦ The Mean Fiddler and Acoustic Room at the Mean Fiddler, 24-28a High St, Harlesden, London NW10 (081-961 5490). Open Mon-Sat. 8pm-2am: Sun., noon-3pm and 7.30pm-1am. Travel: BR/Underground, Willes-den Junction; buses, 18, 187, 206, 226, 260, 266: night bus, N18.

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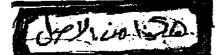
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Conjuring up the party élite

hat's the biggest thing you can magic away? asked a magician. "Probably the par-headache," he said. Not disappearing acts work quite as intended - and the sight of the bill for some children's parties might be enough to make some of us disappear along with the headache.

If you can afford it, though, you can, for an afternoon, make your child's dreams come true.

You can start with an impressive entrance on an elephant. Or in a barge. Or going for a spin with friends in the longest car in the world. ("Take no notice of the one in the Guinness Book of Records, says Gerry Coule, who owns it. "That one's bent in the middle.") His Cadillac Eldorado is straight and stretches 71ft 11in, or 21.9m. It has 18 tyres, weighs 74 tons, and inside you can have a display of dancing water. There are three telephones and two television sets. in case monotony sets in, and room for 20 children.

Or there's the original "Chitty Chiny Bang Bang" from the eponymous film, a horse-drawn omnibus, or a bull. "As bulls go," says Peter Pinner, who hires this one our and combines it with a cowboy party. "he is pretty tame."

Nor should the arrival at the party be a disappointment. Theme parties are in. Your home can be transformed into another world. From Star Trek to a beach party in your drawing-room in the winter, with your children eating off shells, to a jungle with live snakes, or a Hook party replete with skull and

Or back to Camelot. That's

From Cadillacs to Camelot, specialists perform magic to make your child's day, writes Jessica

where Carolyn James can take you. There is the occasional child who just won't put on a King Arthur costume or be Queen Guinevere or an archbishop or a fair lady, and refuses to don wedding gear. But they are in a minority, and when it comes to spinning plates, mock jousting and working out how it is that the birthday child is always the only one who can actually pull the sword out of the stone, they've

Gorst-Williams

usually relemed.

If all this sounds too much for your own house, you can hold it in someone else's place. Claridge's hotel in central

London is popular. Recently it was transformed into gangstr land, with huge cut-outs of 1930s cars with flashing lights. The guests and birthday child were taught by some of the world's top stunt men how to leap out from behind the sets and shoot everything in sight. Above them was a huge false sky. with stars that turned day into night for the party's two-and-a-half hour duration. This sort of party can be rounded off with a rea of peanut butter sandwiches, crisps chocolate fingers, and a £20,000

The trouble with some of these

thing is laid on by an agency and "all the parents need to do is to turn up five minutes beforehand" - is that they can make you too laid back. Some people forget to send out the invitations. One party with a clown juggler, games and tram-polines had to go through its paces for just one child.

There are some parties or outings that cannot be done without expert help: many of the latest fads, for instance, such as Velcro walls, gokarting and lasers. Firework parties are better with some assistance from people in the know. The only entertainment the children had at one I organised was seeing my hair go up in flames when I broke all the rules and went back to an imported (no British Standard mark) fire-

For firework parties, string is important. There should be 25m (about 82ft) between the children and the nearest firework (British Standard 7114 should be used). It really needs half a football pitch to

Indoors, sparklers used to light children's birthday candles can prove catastrophic, especially if there's lots of paper around. Things can go wrong for profes-

sionals, too, as Betsy, who had just finished six weeks' training as a conjuror's rabbit, found out. She, like some headaches, did not disappear in quite the way intended. When her conjuror tried to prompt her out of his hat, she wasn't there. One glance at the family's alsatian dog with a bit of fur draped round its mouth told everyone where she had gone. That sort of mishap is rare. Those

involved in the children's party



When parties become legends: Camelot comes alive in West Kensington, with jousting and tug-o'-war

world take the business of getting it right very seriously indeed. Is there something more to this than sheer professional pride? Curiously, one thing many of them seem to have in

their own childhoods. "I don't inca guite why," says Norman Myers, a past master at children's namy entenaining, "but

Emphasis on colour. Plenty of wow.

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common is an absence of parties in somehow they just oidn't happen." That's something that cannot be made up for. Once you are prown up, vou are forever an outsider looking in.

Party look: face-painted guest .

Caroline James, 12 York Road, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6DR (081-

PARTY ORGANISERS

For boys and girls "who have seen it all". Camelot party: costimes for Queen Guinevere or King Arthur and knights and ladies. Joustings, plate-spinning, George and the Dragon puppet show. Armada and Henry VIII parties — "lots of chopping off heads". Cost: from about £135 (working with partner), providing prizes and balloons. Catering extra.

☐ Marvin's Magic. Imperial House, Willoughby Lane, London N17 OSP (031-885-3311) Magical theme parties. Provides enter-tainers (from £250) and props. Can sub-

contract catering. ☐ Groswenor Productions, 12 Sherwood Street, London WIV 7RD (071-734 6755), with offices in

Works to budgets from £1,000 plus. Specialises in treasure hunts, blockbuster quizzes and Star Trek parties. ☐ Puddleducks, 77 Inglethorpe Street, London SW6 6NU (071-386

9693) Captain Hook, Peter Pan, beach parties

in winter, teddy bear parties. Catering, ed invitations and decorations. Cost: from £500.

☐ Binkys Balloons, 18 Earlsfort, Old Kilmore Road, Moira, Northern Ireland (0846 612569) Theme parties include Bert and Ernie and Sesame Street. Can create a jungle with partots on trees, and decorate the

outside of the house. Cost: £50-£100. ENTERTAINERS Terry Herbert, 3 Heverwood Road, Kingsdown, Sevenoults, Kent TN15 6HL (0474 852644)

All entertaining (not food) from £85. □ Norman Myers, 80 Bridge Lane, London NW11 0EJ (081-458 5055) Takes over whole party. Mini disco, magic show and puppets. Disney films, games. Cost: £120 plus per head; £4.50 extra per head for food; £3.50 extra party bag and balloon.

Richard Stupple, 61 Springfield Avenue, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 81B (0234 85 1607) Illusions, magic and Punch and Judy. All entertaining (not tea) from £80.

Smartie Artie, 2 Piggottshil Lane, Southdown, Harpdenden, Herts. AL5 1LH (0582 461588)

PARTY PEOPLE

All entertainment (not food) from £82. BARGE HIRE ☐ Jason's Barge Trip, 60 Blomfield Road, Little Venice, London

W9 (071-286 3428) One-hour trip between 2.30-4.30pm, Mon-Sat, £100. Barge can be converted to pirate ship. Entertainers and food extra. Tea about £3.50 a head. VENUES

☐ Claridge's, Brook Street, London W1 (071-629 8860) Room hire £360, tea £12.50 each. Party for 16 children can range from £2,000 to £20,000. ☐ Hyde Park Hotel, 66 Knightsbridge, SW1 (071-235 2000) £10 a head for afternoon tea. Theme

FIREWORKS Nationwide Fireworks, Building 240, Bournemouth Hurn Airport, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 6NW

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LONDON □ Ozone -- A Cover Story: The third in the Science Box Series for children.

Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (071-938 8080). Oct 13-Jan 10, Mon-Sut 10am-com, Sun 11am-com. £3.75, child £1.90. Musical Chiswick: Gin Lane

present music, both genteel and hiswick House, Burlington Lane, Lundon W4 (081-995 0508). Today, tomorrow from 2pm. £3, child £1.50. ☐ Young BAC Show: The Golden Haired Giani, a lively fairytale

with plenty of audience participa-tion, for over-fours. BAC. Lavender Hill, London SWII. Today, 2.30pm, £3.50, child £1.75 (box office 071-☐ The Underground City: Infor-

mative display about subterranean London from 16th century to the

Museum of London, London Wall. London EC2 (071-600 3699). Until Nov 8. Tuesday to Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 2-opm. Museum admission free, exhibition £3, child £1.50.

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☐ Arundel welly weekend: Celebration of the ubiquitous boot. Displays, alternative uses, recycling of old and unused boots, "MOTs". Decorate those you are wearing and get in free. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Mill Road, Arundel, Sussen (1903 883355), **Today**, tomorrow (9-30am-5pm.) £3.50, child £1.75.

☐ Dundee for children: Pike fishing competition for under los. Today 1 lam-2pm. An introduc-tion to orienteering for all ages. iomorrow 1-4pm.

Dalmahoy County Park.

Dundee. Further information and booking, 0382 89076. Goudhurst fair: Craft fair with 120 stalls and (today) 18th-century dancing displays to watch or take part in. Refreshments.

Finchcocks, Goudhurst, Kent (0580 211702). Today, tomorro Ham-6pm. E3, child £1.50. ☐ Peterborough Young Dog Trials: First of a series of winter novice sheepdog trials. East of England showground, Peterborough (0733 234451). Tomorrow, 9.30am to late

afternoon. Speciators free. ☐ St Albans in Roman Times: Talk to a soldier from the Imperial Army, visit interactive dis

Michael's. St Albans. Hertfordshire (0727 8 19339). Today 10am-5.30pm. ton

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Nursery appeal: get cracking on the nuts

Francesca Greenoak is nuts about attractive,

productive hazels, and appeals to nurseries to make more varieties available to gardeners

he column this week is completely nuts. I make no excuse for focusing on the hazel, the only dessert nut native to the British Isles. The common European hazel Corylus avellana is an attractive tree in its own right, with shining, supple purple-brown twigs and irregular, soft-textured, jagged leaves. Its principal virtues are the familiar, dangling, golden lamb's tail male catkins in spring - and in autumn the small, rounded nuts peeping out of a pretty, papery husk.

Autumn turns the foliage to butter yellows. pink and brown. I have seen hazels planted effectively as punctuation points at the edge of a large lawn. Cut to the ground after a few years (the practice in the old coppice woodland), they grew back to make large, sheaf-like, multi-stemmed shrubs.

Left to itself, the hazel makes a small. irregularly shaped tree, at its best in a hedge, bank or lined out as a nut walk or tunnel. Undernanding in their requirements, the trees do well in any reasonable soil, the bestflavoured nuts coming from varieties such as Cosford Cob and Pearson's Prolific. (Unless you live in a nut-growing county, you will need to order named varieties from a specialist supplier.)

The only variety regularly to be seen in garden centres today is the contorted hazel (var. Contorta), whose twisted corkscrew twigs and branches look wonderful laced with frost, and revolting through spring and summer, when its patchy foliage hangs awkwardly akimbo. A weeping, cut-leaved, soft purple form (Fuscorubra) also makes a

more interesting garden tree.

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robust in growth, the hazel Corylus maxima has long been grown throughout Europe and has accrued a wide range of varieties. Celebrated for their flavour, Red Filbert and its white counterpart were known in the 16th century and are still listed in present-day catalogues, as is the 19th-century Kentish Cob. Keepers Nursery in East Malling, Kent (0622 813009), has the longest list of hazelnuts, with nine named varieties, but Mike Cook, the proprietor, advises early orders, because so few hazels are raised in England and some orders have to be

isiting the premises of the Dutch nurseryman Martin Bomer earlier this year, I was amazed to find that he grew 40 or so different varieties of hazelnut tree (including some old English types no longer available). Squirrels, which eat the nuts in English orchards and gardens, are not a problem in Holland, but nuthatches (see Feather Report, page 3) consume quantities of nuts and damage the trees by wedging their nuts into cracks and crevices in the branches to crack them. I cracked mine conventionally and discovered a considerable difference in the colour, shape and shell thickness, with the tastes varying in sweetness and floweriness.

The National Collection holders for filberts and cobnuts is at the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale in Kent, where they have 42 hazel species and cultivars from all over Europe. Most are not available to gardeners, so I make a personal appeal to an enterprising nursery to investigate a range of unusual hazels which are both decorative and productive



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How would you get there? I would fly Ryanair to Knock in co. Mayo. Knock airport is a scream: it's little more than a Nissen hut on top of a mountain. One hundred years ago the villagers of Knock saw an apparition of the Virgin Mary and built a shrine. The local priest raised the money to build the airport in 1986: he was conviriced that pilgrims would come from all over the world.

Where would you stay?
The west of Ireland is beautiful. from Donegal down to West Cork, so I'd hire a car, consult The Good Hotel Guide and take pot-luck. I prefer hotels to bed and breakfast places. I always get embarrassed in other peo-ple's houses.

Who would be your perfect companion?

If my husband, Oliver, was unavailable, I'd take Bernard Theobald, my manager for 20 years. People say we are more like an old cantanherous married couple than Oliver and I. What essential piece of clothing or hit would you take? A pair of walking boots and a

Barbour with a hood. What medicines would you

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What would you have to eat? Smoked salmon and soda bread. What would you have to drink? Draught stout. Which books would you take to

Books about Irish churches and castles and Gaelic traditions. What music would you listen to? I'd like to go to a fleadh, an Irish

What would you watch on

The Late Late Show, which goes out live on Friday night. It's an anarchic show presented by Gay Byrne, who interviews everybody from nuns to rock bands and holds forums on abortion and divorce. It's an Irish institution.



Would you play any games or

Pirch and purt wearing my Barbour and boots because it's bound to be pouring with rain. What incury would you take? Diamond earrings and the leop-ard-skin print Gianni Versace suit that I wore on tour this summer.

Who would be your least welcome guest? Anyone trying to make me sing or zign autographs.

Which newspapers or journals would you read? The Irish Times.

What three things would you leave behind? My children.

What three things would you most like to do?`

Watch jumbo jets flying over Mizen Head on their way to America Listen to Liam O'Flynn, a wonderful Irish Uillean piper. Look round some Georgian houses and dream of buying one.

To whom would you send a

If I took Bernard with me, it would be only polite to send a postcard to his wife. What souvenir would you take

Peat to burn on the fire. What would you like to find when you got home? A letter from Mary Robinson saying she had made me an honorary Irishwoman and that I

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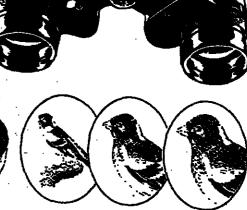
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Lights, camera, action: one household in ten already owns a video camera, and by 1996 sales will have doubled. For budding Spielbergs thinking of joining the home movie set, Nicole Swengley gives a consumer's guide to some of the best on the market



Panasonic NV-S7, £999.95: Voted Mini Camcorder of the Year in the European Video Awards. Uses F-VHS-C format with a 16x digital zoom — equivalent to a 690mm telephoto lens. An image stabilising feature keeps the picture steady. Sophisticated editing features include labelling of each frame. Low-light shooting is possible and also low and high angle shooting for special effects. Freeze-frame images can be captured with soundtrack accompaniment and still shots can be mixed into a soundtrack accompaniment and still shots can be mixed into a moving sequence being recorded. 156mmW x 118mmH x 204mmD. Weight: approx 780g without battery.



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Camcorders combine a video camera and video

cassette recorder in one unit. Although they look complex, they are in fact easy to operate, with focusing and exposure dealt with automatically. To view the results you can play back at the time on the machine itself or connect the camcorder to the

Some camcorders take full size VHS cassettes. These are easier to play back, but make the cameras bulky and heavy. Camcorders that take the smaller

VHS-C tapes are more compact. The 45-minute tapes (90 minutes at long play setting) cost around £4 and can be played back in a home video recorder via an adaptor (sometimes supplied with the camcorder, or as an extra at around £25).

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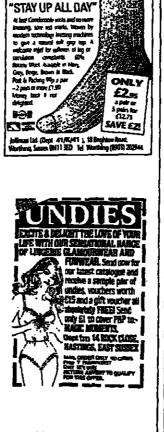
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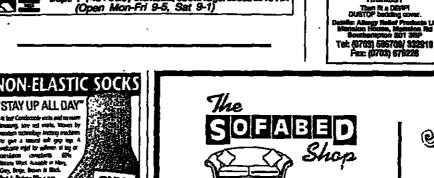
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Denim has come a long way from

Levi Strauss's gold-rush trousers.

Now, Brenda Polan reports, it is

making beautiful, soft knitwear

ad a canny Bavarian called Levi Strauss been easily discouraged, weekends would be a different colour and pop music would lack some of its best songs.

A new immigrant to America. Strauss looked around for a way to turn his small capital into a fortune and his attention was captured by the California Gold Rush. Not that Strauss planned on digging. He saw a captive market and speculated on its needs. Unfamiliar with both the California climate and the spirit of machismo that prevailed on the goldfields, he presumed that the forty-niners would need shelter, so he set off with bales of tent canvas to sell to them. But the miners rejected such effete nonsense; what they needed in their rough-hewn diggings, they told the disappointed en-

trepreneur, was tough pants.
Thinking laterally. Strauss converted the canvas to work trousers. He was in business. His next consignment of pants was in an even tougher fabric he had discovered. serge de Nimes, which he dyed indigo to ensure colour distinction.

Denim's history — from the backbreaking hillsides of California, via the cow-trampled plains of the Midwest, the stockyards, dockyards and building sites, to teenage uniform and symbol of moody, acne-scarred rebellion — is redolent with romance, drama and myth. Even today, when well-washed denim is respectable wear in the offices of the less formal professions, it retains those associations of swaggering, slightly dangerous individuality which it collected along the way.

Although most of the world's millions of metres of denim is sewn into jeans (the name comes from Genoa, whose sailors wore heavy denim trousers), it has long been the stuff of jackets, skirts, shirts and shorts as well. It was inevitable that, as this civilising process developed, someone, somewhere would want to knit it, and a denim yarn for knitting was perfected in the early 1980s, around the same time that Lycra was being blended with the weaving yarn to ensure that tight blue jeans could get even sighter.

could get even tighter.

The best denim knits are called Artwork Blue and are designed and produced by Jane and Patrick Gottelier, whose Artwork and George Trowark ranges provide fashionable knitwear for men and women. "The mood of all our clothes is relaxed, casual, off-duty," says Mr Gottelier, "but Artwork and Trowark keep pace with mainstream fashion in terms of colour, pattern and shape. That's where we can be flamboyant and innovative. Like your jeans, an Artwork Blue sweater gets better-looking as it gets older. It fades beautifully."

t also droops beautifully, getting softer and more comforting with every machine wash. Like a pair of jeans, it fades faster where it is exposed to the light and abraded by contact. This uneven colour loss is even more attractive in the cable-knit sweater, where it accentuates the bas-relief effect.

Like many knitwear designers whose work is more craftoriented than fashion-driven, the Gotteliers spent the latter half of the 1980s feeling marginalised. "We were never very easy with the concept of power dressing," says Mr Gottelier. "It expressed a competitiveness which, to us, seems not a very nice way to live. We did not want to live that way and did not want to design those kind of clothes. After all.

we couldn't bear to wear them.

"We design clothes which are expensive — they have to be because of the cost of the materials and the labour — and expensive clothes should not be a uniform. They should express individuality. And they should last, which means they cannot be the kind of clothes which are good for one season and then look dated."

So they concentrate on casual clothing. "After all, there is life after and beyond the office. I think the Gap phenomenon proves that many people are thinking the way we do, but ultimately Gap clothes are so basic they become another uniform. And, at the weekend, when you dress to please yourself, you want to look relaxed and as if you've got a bit of style."

The Artwork Blue range is unisex in many aspects. The big, hand-knitted, cable-patterned sweaters in denim yarn and the T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts look good on men and women. The sweaters and cardigans beaded in cowboy shirt patterns are bought mostly by women, as are the neat indigo leggings and skinny bodies.

The Gotteliers have a shop called George Trowark in St Christopher's Place, just off Oxford Street in London.

Currently it looks like a harvest festival altar with baskets of rosy apples and sheaves of corn echoing the colours of their autumn Artwork and Trowark woollies. But in pride of place in its own glass case in the window is one denim cable-knit. It has been through the washing machine hundreds of times and is faded and sunbleached to softest, variegated blue. It has, indeed, aged beautifully.





Above

Left: cable sweater with grey trim on hem and cuffs £42.99. Next Directory, Ref: M90013 (0345 100500). Denim leggings, £16.99, Maris & Spencer. Baseball cap, The Disney Shop, Regent Street, Wi. Boots £39, Cable & Co. all branches. Right: padded gilet, £175, Joseph, 28 Brook Street, W1; 26 Sloane Street, SW1: 77 Fulham Road, SW3.

SW1: 77 Pulnam Road, SW3 Indigo grandsad shirt E75; track pants E75, George Trowark, as before. Cream sweater (around shoulders). E29.99, Next Directory, ref: M98039 (0345 100500). Socks E24; boots, E110. Timberland, 72 New Bond

Street, W1. Left

Left: indigo zipped sweat top with hood, £120; quilted waistcoat, £88; George Trowark, 10A St Christopher's Place, W1. Cream sweater, £29.99, Next Directory, as before. 501 jeans, £50, Levi stores nationwide. Right: Pendennis sweater, £300; cable sweater (around

shoulder), E300; George Trowark, as before. Ribbed leggings, E99, Joseph. as before.

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Everything for the

ome fashion fads are just too good to go away when fashion bids them. One garment which had every appearance of being here to stay but which nearly every important designer left out of the autumn collections is leggings. Trousers, wide, narrow and jodhpur-shaped, yes; skirts, short, long and unflatteringly indeterminate, yes:

leggings, no.

Down at reality level, however, the chain stores are less ruthless. "There is still." says Sheilagh Brown, head of ladies' wear design at Marks & Spencer. "a large demand for them. As long as enough women want them, we will supply them." Bear in mind that Marks & Spencer's enough is not quite like anyone else's enough. It is far, far higger

Leggings first made fashion news when, having shrunk to insignificance, the skirt disappeared completely. Winter 1990 saw legs on display in bold patterns, lurid colours and many textures. Eastern art

Legging it to the top

and literature had always eroticised the female leg but, pace Robert Herrick who devoted one of his more feverish odes to Julia's legs, western culture has been coy on the subject.

Men, of course, have flaunted ankle, calf, thigh, buttock and aggressive bulge during most periods of western history. Women, ostensibly passive creatures, stumbled over their skirts. There is a whole subgenre of historical-romantic fiction in which the only way the hoydenish heroine can get a slice of the action is to crossdress in doublet and hose and run away with (usually) a band of strolling players (and, very likely, play Viola or Rosalind in a positive maelstrom of trans-

The author always emphasises that, by the standards of her time, the maiden is unattractively thin with an unfeminine

Designers may shun them now,

but women still want leggings

lankiness of leg. Properly short, plump, feminine legs in wrinkly hase would have been a dead giveaway.

Nurrition and exercise have

changed women's legs and synthetic fibres, especially Lycra, have changed hose. Leggings began their ascent to fashionability in the dance class and the gym. Well-exercised women, shapely of thigh and firm of buttock, found them both comfortable and flattering and affected them as leisure wear. Fashion designers noticed and responded.

There is, however, one prob-

lem with leggings. Despite the comforting clutch of Lycra, it is an unforgiving garment and, while many women have good legs, very few have ideal bottoms and even fewer have been taught to examine their rear views in a long mirror. The corseting effect of Lycra can flatten and distort as efficiently as it supports. Even the most beautiful young models can look unappealingly squidgy retreating in a pair of leggings.

Safer to do as older, skinnier

Safer to do as older, skinnier or plumper men have done in history's more exhibitionist periods and accept that if the muscle tone is not quite perfect, a longer tunic or a tail coat is required. The modern equivalent is the long shirt in fine weather and the big loose sweater in foul. The sweater can be any weight from a soft cashmere or lambswool to a really chunky traditional cable-knit. For those who like to look

less country-hike, more Sloane-Street-stroll, a long blazer or blazer-styled cardigan gives a sharner look.

sharper look.

It is, however, important to remember that even Lycra, stalwart yarn that it is, gets tired eventually. Paradoxically, the moment when a pair of leggings becomes really comfortable is probably the moment to discard them. Leggings which bag at the knee and sag around the bottom and crotch do no one any favours.

There's a scene in Cat Ballou where Lee Marvin, playing an alcoholic laid-off gunslinger, is set upon by thieves. They disarm him and strip him to his droopy, washed-out, red flannel, backflap fastening combinations. This garment is a high point in the costume designer's art and should, if there were any justice, have won an Oscar. It is not a pretty sight. But it is the image elderly leggings irresistibly bring to mind.

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Reflect

Strong designs provoke strong reactions, and love or loathe highly decorative mirrors, such as those shown below, you cannot ignore them. Off-the-wall is an apt description, and their richly sculptural frames demand closer examination.

That's when the old coins and keys, the lace and pepper pots come to light, for these imposing creations are composed largely of market-stall and car-boot sale miscellanea. With such disparate contents the results could be disastrous, but Barbara Hook, aged 31, and her Yugoslavian partner. Tihomir Dizdar, 27,

know what they are doing.

Ms Hook is a trained theatre designer, with a postgraduate degree from the Slade School of Fine Art. Mr Dizdar studied

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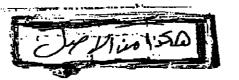
baroque and Vctorian design before arriving in London five years ago with £15 in his pocket. They net earlier this year at CamdenMarket, north London, where they ran adjacent stalls — MsiHook selling own-design jewellery and masks. Mr Dizdar decorative wooden models and bonsai. Now they sell mirrors at Camden and Covent Garden in central London, where, they say, there is a demand for private commissions. "We did a mirror for a wonan with all her christening presents on it — little mugs and spoons and

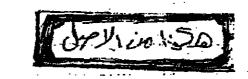
Little mugs and spoons and things," Ms Hook says.

Their off-the-peg creations



Reflections on decoration: Barbara Hook and Tihomir Diza





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Robin Young meets the brave Times advertising boss willing to risk life and limb for our entertainment in battle against ITV's super-fit gladiators

imon Goddard is the classified advertisement manager of The Times. He is also, more excitingly, a super-fit modern warrior, about to burst on to your television screens in a form of hyperactive gladiatorial combat which combines the popular appeal of It's a Knockout with the muscular mayhem of the World Wrestling Federa-

Gladiators. which starts a nineweek run on ITV tonight, is the home-grown British version of an American hit show which has already been available to night owls in the small hours of Saturday mornings. Mr Goddard had seen the American show, so when he

followed up an advertisement in a television guide inviting applicants to compete for aces in a British series, he knew what he was getting into.

Gladiators pits enthusiastic and athletic amateur competitors (the contenders) against a resident team of highly trained athletes (the gladiators) in a series of tough, physical games designed to test fitness and strength in various and cruelly ingenious ways. The show is like a highly equipped playschool for those who have already proved themselves the superstars of their keep-fit

In the event 1,000 people, male and female, auditioned for 24 places among the con-tenders who will appear in the

series. To determine who had the physical prowess to cope with the rigorous demands of the show, the applicants had to compete in time trials, running 800m, cycling a kilometre. rowing 500m and doing a high-speed set of bench presses in as short a time as possible. At the end of that gruelling session they had to show how many chin-ups they could still perform in one

minute.

Then they were invited to show their aggressive competitive spirit, and their ability to soak up punish-ment by trying to knock the living daylights out of each other with pugii sticks, which are like padded paddles and capa-ble of giving a nas-

ty headache, if not breaking a bone. Finally, "and for most of us most daunting of all", Mr Goddard says modestly, there was a screen test. The winners were not all

fitness coaches and health centre managers. As well as Mr Goddard, the qualifiers included a house husband, a senior staff nurse, legal executives, a fireman, a racing driver and a former member of the Chippendales male strippers

Mr Goddard, who was a Royal Marines officer before marshalling our classified ads. belongs to a gym, runs a lot, windsurfs and goes on walking weekends. He recently completed a 40-mile yomp over the North York Moors in 11

ful hand-carved flowers which



Warriors hanging around: two gladiators pit their strength in Hang-Tough, a gruelling game of aerial chess for the fittest

hours. He used to play a lot of rugby and has always been

keen on athletics. He might, though, have been intimidated by the quali-fications of his gladiatorial opponents. The lions to whom he had volunteered to be thrown go by noms-de-guerre such as Shadow, Saracen and Warrior. They weigh from 15 to 22 stone, and include in their strength weightlifters, body-builders, rugby players, a kick-boxer and a martial artist.

The women who take on the show's feminine contenders go by names which include Lightning, Flame and Panther. Behind those pseudonyms lurk dangerous females of the bodybuilding species, gymnasts with hobbies such as skiing, aerobics and Thai boxing.

The final 28 would-be contenders were afforded a week at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham for intensive training and conditioning. "That week would match the training of any premier division football club," Mr God-dard says. "We had daily sessions with Tom McNabb and John Anderson, the Olym-pic track and field coaches.

There were strenuous aerobic classes, and we got climbing mition from the mountaineer and rock-climber Brian Hall."

Rehearsing the games which make up the show, though, quickly shattered any illusions the contenders might have had about their fitness. Sprains. bruises and pulled muscles brought home the amount of physical agility and strength they were going to need in the competition proper.

Gladiators is in effect a super-hyped heptathlon, in which battle is joined on apparatus which goes far beyond the best-equipped gymnasium's resources.

n the game called Atlaspheres, for example, the contenders are mounted inside 7ft-diameter metal spheres, which they have to try to manoeuvre on to scoring pads, while gladiators inside their own spheres try to block them. Crashes, chaos and collisions ensue in what, though it only lasts a minute, proves a tough test of lower-body strength and endurance.

Next the contenders tackle Hang-Tough, a gruelling

game of aerial chess. They have to swing on rings suspended 4ft apart, trying to reach the gladiator's platform 50ft away while their opponents attempt to knock them out of the air. "Cast iron shoulder blades would have helped," Mr Goddard says.

Duel, "the most physically intimidating of all the events" is a straight battle with pugil sticks in which the opponents try to knock each other off their platforms, while in Swing Shot the contenders, suspended on a bungee rope, hurl themselves from a height toward the floor and bounce up as high as they can to grab a ball with which they must then bounce back to their own platform to score.

Danger Zone, a test of fleetfootedness and agility, has the contenders trying to reach a goal guarded by a gladiator who is firing high-velocity ten-nis balls at them. There are four so-called "safe" stations on the route, which autodestruct in a display of pyrotechnics if they are not defused within ten seconds.

Then the contenders have to try to climb a 36ft wall with a few seconds' start over gladiators who will try to pull them down. "The producers found it was too easy," Mr Goddard says ruefully, "so Brian Hall spent a whole morning removing half the hand and foot holds we had been relying on."

Finally, with gladiators retired to the sidelines, the contenders fight it out among themselves for cash prizes and the chance to compete in an International Gladiators series in Hollywood.

"It was," Mr Goddard says now, "an amazing experience. The gym may never seem quite

Last week George Bush's son was asked what his father would do if he lost the presidential election. "He won't just lie back on a couch", opined Bush jr. "He is a true gladia-tor." He was referring to the American Gladiators show. but somehow I hope he was exaggerating his father's contingency plans. My advice to George Bush would be to stick to horseshoe-pitching and golf. They sound a lot safer.

• Gladiators starts on ITV to-night at 6.20pm. Simon God-dard's episode will be shown on October 24.

Relons on the frame

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trips. modei in the nirror (£850) was sal-from Camden Market. nirror is notable for the se of fabrics, which play ortant role in achieving ulptural effects of the : here, a rocky cliff face rived from canvas. designers also use antique lace. The artfully draped "fishing net" mirror derives from an old woman's shawl made in Nottingham in the 1920s. Humbler scraps find a home in their mirrors, too. Amid the an-

tique gaslight fittings and Victorian cop-per pots of the

treasure mirror (£1,700) lie remnants of Ms Hook's 21st birthday dress. On the musical mirror (£870), the elegant little hunting horn and violin keep company with bits of old lampshade (embellished with antique lace), assorted bedsprings and a pepper pot. "It's trying to

disguise itself as a clarinet," says Ms Hook, who is a fan of trompe-l'oeil.

The public donate much of the brie-à-brac. "Some seem to spend their lives looking through car-boot sales, and bring me things they think I could use," Ms Hook says. Mr Disdar adds that the foreign tourists who have bought mirrors often send them native trinkets after returning home. "Nobody seems to mind us cannibalising things," Ms

Hook says, pointing to the chair mirror (£1,200). Close inspection reveals all manner of objects among the wood, lace and plaster: beauti-ROS DRINKWATER

Ms Hook brought back from Bali, a bunch of keys, Victorian pennies, and an elegant lastercast clock case. "Making our own castings

enables us to use unusual items more than once, which helps to keep the price down," Ms Hook says, pointing out a little rhino, a mini-mask and delicately cast roses. For the cheapest mirrors, from £150, they make up their own frames. The feasting mirror, with its antique frame, is the most

expensive at £2,000. A guided tour of the frame begins with the ostrich eggs (from Brick Lane market in east London, where Ms Hook scooped up a box of ten for a fiver). Then there are hand-carved Balinese fruits, which reflect her love of the fruit-laiden baroque carv-ings of Grinling Gibbons (wood carver to William III). At the mirror's base is a pair of antique "After Eight" clock fronts, adorned with beading and sequins and housing the candle sconces which feature

on all their mirrors. Candlelight in a darkened room really does the mirrors greatest justice (they are pic-tured below in daylight outside the Hook-Dizdar garage workshop in West Hampstead.

northwest London). The sacred associations of candles are not lost on the designers, who are both from Catholic families. "We both grew up in highly decorative religious surroundings, which seem to be reflected in our work," Ms Hook says. Mr Dizdar has even created a mirror evoking the orthodox region of Macedonia where he

That said, Ms Hook is keen to emphasise their modern, mixed approach, which is proving popular among couples in their thirties or forties: The barroque and Victorian elements may be strong, but what we do is really a collage of styles," she says. "That's why the mirrors fit in well with either an antique or modern setting. There are even people with stark Bauhaus interiors who buy our mirrors. They want something really volup-tuous to provide a contrast."

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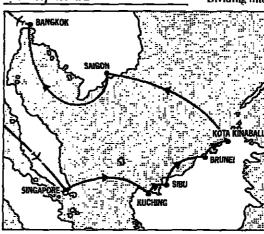


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to preserve our industrial past — and he wants more. Lynne Greenwood reports

neys not chimney pots to decorate his garden, but those huge, blackened mill chimneys which often now stand alone, the reason for their

existence long gone.

He has 18, all except one of which he believes would have disappeared had he not bought them. The chimneys are scattered throughout Yorkshire and Lanca-shire, many in Pennine towns once dominated by mills.

Mr Aram buys chimneys as an "economic historian", not as part of his career as a property entrepre-neur. He believes that they are such an important part of our industrial and architectural heritage that they must be preserved. Experience shows, he says, that the only sure way of safeguarding their future is to buy them. Once bought, often after years of persuasion, he arranges regular maintenance checks and visits them occasionally, happy to have spared them the demolition dynamite.

His latest acquisition is a 180ft solid brick chimney, which seems to grow out of the canal at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne in Lancashire, where it once served Junction Mill. "I first glimpsed it on the skyline a few years ago and I clocked it in my memory," Mr Aram says, aware that his collection is unique, but keen that it should not be regarded as eccentric. "About a year ago I decided to take a closer look. I could see the chimney in the distance and found the best way to approach it was along the canal towpath."

It took some months to persuade the owner that his offer to buy the chimney was genuine. Often he returns to a chimney owner dozens of times over several years in the hope of persuading him to sell.

Mr Aram waxes lyrical about his newest chimney. "The best way to see her first is from the canal," he says. "She looks magnificent with her coronet still on top. This area, this view, would have lost its richness if she had gone."

Mr Aram thinks of all his chimneys as female. "They are so strong, yet so vulnerable," he says. "Without them, nothing else could have happened. Without a place for the steam or smoke to escape, there could have been no machinery: without that no profits for mill owners, and without those no big houses in the country where they could live like gentry."

obert Aram collects chim-neys; not chimney pots to He paid about £2,000 for Junction Mill chimney and the small area of land around it, essential so that he can carry out any necessary maintenance.

But there is no such thing as an average price for a chimney. "I've paid as little as £5 for one chimney." he says. "And I once bought one from a farmer for a couple of pounds of home-cured bacon." The challenge of "the deal" is part of the fun for Mr Aram, who

also owns stretches of railway line, bridges, water wheels, mills and a wood. The jewel of his collection is Masson Mill, at Matlock Bath in Derbyshire, designed by Sir Rich-ard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning frame. Its chimney is the only one in his collection which was not under any threat. He plans to convert much of the huge mill into offices, hoping to attract the relocation of a government department or multinational company, but is prepared to preserve space for noncommercial use, such as a museum.

he chimney collection started 18 years ago when economic and social history at Nottingham University, retraced the route of a planned students' field trip abandoned because of fog. The idea had been to study the remnants of the wool and cotton industries in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

He visited Hebden Bridge in the Pennines and walked along the canal towards neighbouring Tod-morden, four miles away. "As I walked, I approached two magnificent chimneys on the canal bank." he says. "At that time, government grants were available as part of an Operation Eyesore to rid the country of derelict buildings. I knew these could include chimneys.

"But eyesores are in the eye of the beholder and I accept many people are not as attracted as I am to relics the industrial revolution. I decided to save them where I could."

When Mr Aram is considering buying a chimney, he likes to climb it. He employs a steeplejack to ladder the chimney and usually goes up following the professional, who accepts his request for a photograph at the top as proof for the doubters.

"The biggest one I've climbed was 318ft and took 28 ladders," he says. Despite the ordeal of the



Rivers, ravines and raw beauty

he Ardeche is a wild, craggy region to the west of the Rhone valley, in the foothills of the Massif Central Arid in the south, where the speciacular Gorges de l'Ardèche cut through the region with deep ravines and fast-flowing rivers, it is ruggedly

It is a popular area for activity holidays, including canoeing and white-water rating, horse-riding and cycling. Summer visitors include naturists, since le camping sauvage (in the mide) is not frowned upon here.

The north is greener and more fertile, famous for the chestnuts that grow there in profusion, with a mild winter climate and a fair amount of rain. The principal town of the Ardeche is Privas, noted for its chestout-based preserves, including the delicious marrons glaces.

There are some attractive small towns, including Aubenas Vals-les-Bains, Thueyts, Burzet and L'Argentière. Holiday homes in the Ardeche are generally cheaper than in more soughtafter areas of the

Old stone village houses offer the best value. Typically with two or three bedrooms, shabby but habitable, with a roof terrace but no garden. prices start at about FFr180,000 (£21,687). Fully restored, with central heating and a modernised kitchen

and bath, the same house might fetch FFr400,000-500,000. Situated in a peaceful hamlet in the southern Ardeche, near the old market town of Aubenas and the spectacular Gorges de L'Ardèche, the pretty restored village house shown here is for sale at FFr450,000 (including agency fees). The nearest international airport is Montpellier, about two-and-a-half hours by road.

Peaceful: this restored house is FFr450,000

lier or Lyons.

Anvil Cottage, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2JN (0963 63504). Although not remote, parts of the Ardeche are fairly inaccessible, with few main roads. It is about ten hours' drive from Calais, and about

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international airports at Montpel-

Surveying the French scene

Property surveys are not as common in France as they are here, and since most British purchasers seek older, cheaper properties, often needing extensive, expensive restoration, this can lead to problems.

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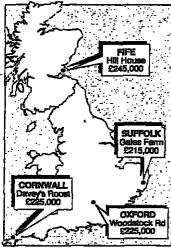
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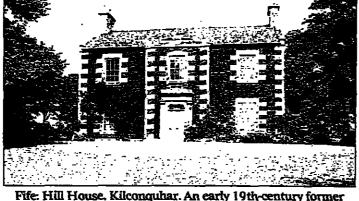
A Devon cottage or an Oxford

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Shell-seeker's berth

A guided tour round Rosamunde Pilcher's Scottish

home-from-home above a bank

t came as no surprise to her friends that Rosamunde Pilcher had bought herself a holiday home. As the author of The Shell Seekers and September, she could now, in her sixties, afford an idyllic white-washed cottage in, say, her native Cornwall, or a geran-ium-clad villa somewhere hot.

So why, they asked, had she bought a first-floor flat in the middle of Dornoch, on the east coast of Sutherland, a royal burgh known only for its championship golf course and the last town in happens to be the last town or Scotland to have hurst a witch at Scotland to have burnt a witch at the stake? A flat, moreover, above a bank and opposite a cathedral that is floodlit all night long.

"Everyone thought I had bought a poly little flat. But it's not say!"

a poky little flat, but it's not at all.

It's like the Tardis," Mrs Pilcher says, relaxing in the secluded walled garden at the back of the Bank of Scotland. "We can sleep the here yes that bottom window. ten here. Yes, that bottom window is the bank manager's office; the poor man has to look at us all in the

garden. But upstairs is us."

Mrs Pilcher and her husband,
Graham, have been coming to the Dornoch area for the past ten years, not least because Mr Pilcher, now retired from the jute industry in Dundee, is a golfer, and the town is only a three-hour drive north from their home near Dundee.

Mrs Pilcher bought the flat two years ago for £45,000. Everything seemed right about it; well-equipped and decorated. It takes four minutes to the golf course and five to the beach. Grant's, the Spar shop, is across the road. The butcher is excellent, as is the baker. There is even a good bookshop.

The stairs from the garden

emerge on to a rather grand firstfloor landing, with an archway. The kitchen has fitted and flush everything. Their bedroom, still in what she calls "Mrs Bank Manag-er" pale pink, faces the cathedral,



Serviced apartment: the Pilchers opposite Dornoch cathedral

but they seem unworried by the floodlighting. Framed covers of her books hang about modestly in corners. The double Victorian wardrobe in the bedroom was the couple's present to one another.

The drawing-room, high and handsome with cornice mouldings, has been furnished with finds from a favourite shop in Dundee. The carriage clock on the mantcipiece came from British Home Stores, as did the lamps and shades. The Pilchers had a seat put in the

bay window overlooking the High Street and cathedral, where, Mr Pilcher says, the Reverend James Simpson preaches a ratiling good sermon. They can sit round the table in the bay window on surmy days, reading, eating, drinking or halling passing friends.

They lend the flat free to friends and family. The top-floor rooms are generally reserved for children and grandchildren. Mrs. Pilcher is much in favour of bucket-and-spade holidays. "I don't think children really enjoy going to hot, concrete swimming pools abroad," she says. Here they could bike to Embo, up the coast, with its rocks and pools, picnics and beaches.

And then there's the garden, gradually being hacked into shape largely by visiting friends (Mrs. Pilcher likes gardens but admits to not being a keen gardener). Her son, Mark, has rebuilt a bit of the garden wall and demolished a rockery; and a summer house was discovered under a jungle of ivy.

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Heap of the week: Dunmore Park

Golf takes a swing at history

DUNMORE Park, between Glasgow and Edinburgh, has been empty and decaying for nearly 30 years, although the masonry shell, mullioned windows, battlemented parapets. bariey-sugar chimneys and a host of armorial seals are in good condition.

Now Scotland's Central Regional Council has given planning permission for its conversion into a conference hell

sion into a conference hall, with leisure and golf complex and residential units in the grounds. This despite strong objections from the Scottish Civic Trust et al, arguing that applications affecting such an important historic house should have been submitted in detail before a planning application was considered.

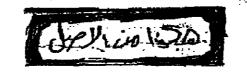
Four listed buildings are involved: the house built in 1820-22 for the Earl of Dunmore, the stables, old Elphinstone Castle and the pineapple shaped folly.

Planning officers are now trying to tie down the spate of commissions with conditions. grounds. This despite strong

commissions with conditions, but the best that can be hoped for is that the permissions will expire before anything is built.

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With a sip, sniff and swirl

Robin Young tastes

astonishing wines at a good price in

Broadstairs

might have been discouraged, setting out for a wine appreciation weekend at the Royal Albion Hotel in Broadstairs, by the misspellings in the printed programme (Crément for Crément, Reisling for Riesling, Gewürztraminer, and by the fact that another newspaper had already declared "there is no decent hotel in Broadstairs".

You, though, need not be put off. Good wines need no bush, and do not have to be correctly spelt to be

The Royal Albion is family-run and is a Logis of Great Britain, overlooking Viking Bay. If it were a Logis de France it would be worth a couple of stars in the notation nationale, and would be claimed as a discovery by travel correspondents from Britain.

Charles Dickens, who was im-moderately fond of Broadstairs, where he holidayed as a boy and returned frequently as a famous novelist, was among the Albion's satisfied customers in the past. He wrote parts of Nicholas Nickleby

and Oliver Twist there.

In a letter urging his friend Thomas Beard to come and stay, Dickens wrote: "Ballard has got some port wine which is quite remarkable — for a place like this, really astropiching." really astonishing.

The task of keeping Broadstairs supplied with astonishing wines nowadays falls to hotelier Ballard's successors, Peter Roger and his family, who own the Royal Albion and Marchesi's restaurant a couple of doors away. Their wine week-ends are tutored by Conal Gregory. a Master of Wine and, until the last election, MP for York.

A recent weekend programme vas devoted to Alsace and the Rhône and started with a six-course gourmet dinner, priced at £60 (including wines), as an individual event. Getting to know my fellow guests over a glass of Crémant d'Alsace, it quickly became obvious that most were regulars, and already knowledgeable.

'This wine scores 92 in Parker,' Lin Beckett told me of the grand cru Schlossberg Riesling which accompanied a fillet of wild salmon. A mark of 92 means that



A wine class of their own: Peter Roger (left) and others with discerning palates at the Royal Albion

Robert M. Parker Jr. the head honcho of American wine-tasters, has recognised the wine as "an outstanding wine of great complexity and character".

Mr Gregory, who introduced the wines between courses, suggested we might be committing "a little bit of infanticide" drinking the Schlossberg. That held no one back. There followed a St Joseph 1985 and Domaine Vieux Telegraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1988 to accompany beef Wellington. "Very clear Syrah," Mr Gregory said of the St Joseph. "I always get the metallic smell of opening timed fish." "Yes," Ms Beckett said, snuffling in her glass,

Comparisons were no less imagi-native for the scent of the Châteauneuf. "Cinnamon." said one. "Bleach," ventured another. Then we had 1978 Côte Rôtie with cheeses, 1983 vendange tardive Gewürztraminer with galia

melon and raspberries, and eau-de-vie de framboises with coffee. "I do not think the Rhône wines were anything special," said a selfprofessed burgundy addict. Mr Gregory was unabashed. "The Côte Rôtie would be in the order of

£18 or £19 retail," he said. "We give you the chance of tasting several exceptional wines with appropriate food, wines which you would possibly be unable or unwilling to buy for yourself."

On Saturday we were offered the opportunity to visit a local vineyard and winery, St Nicholas, at Ash near Canterbury, which won the White Cliffs Country Wine of the Year award for its dry 1989 Schönburger (£5.20 a bottle).

Saturday dinner (five courses, six wines, priced at £30) brought in additional weekenders. On Sunday morning even larger numbers arrived for a comparative tasting of Alsace wines from Hugel and from Madame Faller's Domaine Wein-bach, a favourite of Parker's and of mine. The event was £4 a head, or £2.50 for members of the Confrairie de St Vincent, a French wine appreciation society.

Even though I disagreed with most of what Mr Gregory said about the wines, no one could quibble at the price, and this time I learnt from my neighbour, who formerly worked for a firm factoring fining agents, where isingless comes from. Despite what the wine books tell you, it isn't sturgeons.

Other wine weekends

□ Royal Albion Hotel, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 ILU (0843 868071 fax 0843 861509)

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Jan 22-23, Feb 19-20, Mar 5-6, wine weekends for up to 20 people each. Cost is £775-£925 for the weekend for two, all-inclusive. ☐ Crathorne Hall Hotel, Crathorne, near Yarm, Cleveland, TS 15 OAR (0642

700398, far 0642 700814) Wine appreciation weekends on Nov 20-22 this year, and Feb 5-7 and Oct 23-25 1993. For the Nov weekend, £139 a person sharing a twin or double room. Next year. ☐ Michael's Nook, Grasmere

near Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9RP (05394 35496) Burgundy weekend Nov 20-22; Rhône, Feb 5-7. £395 a person.

t is time we tamed the wild mushroom. At this time of the year flamboyant fungi burst into the public prints as though the mycelia had been quietly consuming newspapers' critical faculties all year and had at last borne fruit.

Like the mushrooms themselves. enthusiasm for collecting them springs up in the most unexpected places. An art gallery in St James's, London, one of several now for sale, has a sign of the times in the window: "If not here I have gone mushrooming".
What the autumnal crop of

newspaper articles about wild mushrooms conveniently forgets to emphasise is that, quite apart from

the handful of mistaken identities which could kill you, and the larger number which might make you unforgentably sick. even the most deliciously palatable fungoidal food-for-free is liable to have been heavily sucked, browsed or slimed on by slugs, nibbled by squirrels, interfered with by mice and voles, and infested with fly maggors. Why limit this perhaps

over-fastidious consumer complaint to food-for-free?
At Carluccio's shop in
Covent Garden, central
London, wild mushrooms come, hand-gathered by expens, very far from free Antonio Carluccio, who also runs The Neal Street Restaurant next door, is an enthusiast for wild mushrooms and delights in picking them himself. Mr Carluccio is also author of the glossy book A Passion for Mushrooms (Pavilion Michael Joseph, £16.95).

At his shop, typical prices for ceps and chanterelles are £2.40 to £3.50 for 100g (or up to £16 per lb), the uncleaned weight to include dirt, pine needles and cowpat stains which prove the authenticity of the items' truly rustic provenance.

My wife bought three expensive, but delightfully packaged, horse mushrooms from Carluccio's. All were properly filthy, and when I trimmed the stems two proved to be maggoty as well. Perhaps I do not need to add that, at the price, I scoffed the lot regardless, but one can understand that many would not have been so squeamless. (A later purchase of ceps had their stems split and examined by staff for signs of infestation before being allowed out of the shop.)

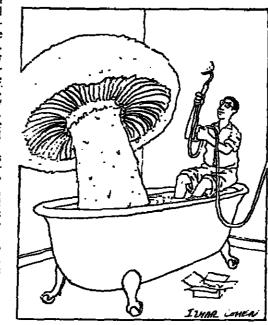
Perhaps all this is why we spend more on cultivated mushrooms than on any other vegetables, except tomatoes and potatoes. Yet despite the extravagant variety of species available in the wild,

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almost the whole of our professionally raised crop is one sont, agaricus bisporus. Buttons, closed cups, open cups and large flats are all bisporus, harvested at different stages of development. Even brown-capped mushrooms are a selected strain of the same thing. The taste difference between a brown-cap cultivated mushroom and a white-capped one is much the same difference as that between

brown and white shelled eggs. If you want wild mushrooms, why not grow your own? Suzanne Lucas, who lives at Mere in Wiltshire, has produced more than 200 varieties in her half-acre garden, encouraging them by a policy of absolute neglect. "Never pick up a leaf, burn a rotten bough or disturb the soil," she says, "and the fungi will come." Admittedly, she does not discourage them by eating them; she paints them, and has won 13 gold medals from the Royal Horricultural Society for her meticulous studies, soon to be

published in book form under the

title In Praise of Toadstools. For those who want quicker results, and guaranteed edibility, there are kits for grow-your-own "wild" mushrooms. Wentworth Exotic Mushrooms, of Egham, Surrey, sells growing bags primed with colourful varieties of pleurotus (oyster mushrooms) at £7.99. "It seems to be a rather vogueish thing

now." says Peter Hawton, who runs Wentworth Exotic Mushrooms with his wife, Stephanie.

There is pearly grey ostreatus; a bright yellow sold as comucopiae, though it is more colourful than the sold in the sold any pleurous comucopiae to be found wild on oak and elm stumps in Britain; a brown pulmonanus, again unlike the white,

fan-shaped brackets which go by that name in our wild larder; a shocking pink called samoneostramineus, which grows wild in Asia; and brown sajor caju, from the same

continent.
They all flourish in black bags full of sterilised straw. Make small slits in the bag and after ten days, if the bag is kept at 60F with 85-90 per cent humidity and gets six hours of light a day, the mushrooms sprout forth in overlapping bunches. The pack produces 2-5lb in three or four flushes at about ten-day intervals.

The grey, pink and yellow varieties are on sale (ready-grown) in Sainsbury's and other supermarkets, and have found favour with chefs, who retain the colours by

steaming (rather than frying) them, and then quickly glazing them with butter or oil.

Other wild mushrooms are likely to go commercial within a year. Two candidates are lepista nuda, the wood blewit and lepiota procera, the parasol. There is a Canadian patented process for producing morels, although no one in Britain has managed to make it work yet, but flammulina, the velvet shank, is a synch, Mr Hawton says.

James Heale, of Smithy Mushrooms at Scarisbrick, Lancashire. who grows mostly oyster mushrooms but is experimenting with others, agrees: "It has not been impossible to grow wild mush-rooms in the past, only unprofit-able. That could all be changing."

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Scourge of Napoleon, friend of Dickens

George Cruikshank illustrated Dickens and was among our greatest satirical cartoonists. John Russell Taylor looks at a show marking his bicentenary

There is a certain irony in the fact that the name George Cruikshank first summons to most minds these days an image of Oliver asking for more or Fagin cowering in his cell. We think of him first and foremost as a Dickens illustrator. Of course, he did illustrate Dickens, and established a very close collaboration - so close that in old age he claimed to have originated both the books they worked on together, Sketches by Boz and Oliver Twist, supplying pictures to which Dickens then wrote the text

This is clearly nonsense, though it seemed Dickens wrote Oliver Twist at least with the idea that it should be suitable for Cruikshank to illustrate. But Cruikshank's specialness (to call it by its most tactful name) was also no doubt the reason that they did not work together more

The show at the Museum of the Order of St John, celebrating the bi-centenary of Cruikshank's birth, both fills in the details of his quirkiness and puts it into perspective. Even as a young man he was obsessive and given to bees in his bonnet: that much is clear from the first volume of Robert L Patton's promised two-volume biography. which goes up as far as 1835 and so leaves another 43 years for volume two. Cruikshank's own political opinions in his early years as a cartoonist are a quagmire waiting to engulf the unwary student. At least we can say of him, as of the Angry Young Men of the 1950s, that it is clear enough what he is angry about (virtually everything), but far from

The political cartoons from the Napoleonic Wars to the Regency are pungent and raucous. Cruikshank does not like Napoleon (what redblooded Englishman then would?) but he does not have much time for the revived Bourbon dynasty either, and cannot be persuaded to draw one good line around the Prince Regent and his court.

So he does not like kings and emperors of whatever nation? Per-haps. But he is also worried by the mob and anything savouring of the people's voice, un-nannied. Near the end of his life he still continues, in images like those very much of his youth, to excoriate the red menace of the Commune, which, rather than Napoleon III, he blames for all France's ills.

In the 19th century Cruikshank was constantly compared with Hogarth. The parallel seems very faulty now. Hogarth was, in his way, the model of balance and good sense. Some of his print series undeniably draw a moral, but they are general, commonsense morals that few are likely to disagree with. Cruikshank early got a thing about the demon drink, fidgeting about it years before he took the pledge in 1847. Once he had taken that step there

was no stopping him. Out poured books and pamphlets, single prints and series, all harping on the one topic. But other bees jockeyed for position in his bonnet, a singularly crowded accessory even by Victorian standards. He must have been extremely difficult to know. But then, who would expect a satirist, let alone a prophet, to be a real



nice guy and comfortable to be with? And he was an extraordinary draughtsman. Whether he etched his own designs, or handed them over for realisation to amazingly journeyman woodblockhis economy of line is dazzling, his ability to capture a

whole (usually grotesque) character in a silhouette or a single absurd feature is unequalled. It is tempting to compare him with Rowlandson rather than Hogarth.

But such a comparison suggests the limits of Cruikshank's style. The crudities are never quite so crude, but Rowlandson can summon up poetry in the midst of attacking folly, while Cruikshank always remained stubbornly prose. But what prose. And if prose was good enough for Dickens, there is no reason why it should not have been good enough

 Crulkshank 200 is at the Museum of the Order of St.John, St.John's Gate, St.John's Lane, Farringdon, Loadon EC! (071-253 6644). Daily, Ham-Apat, until October 21.

George Crushank's Life, Times and Art, Volume 1: 1792-1837. by Robert L. Patton, is published by the Lauerworth

RECORDS: David Sinclair on Prince and R.E.M. and Clive Davis on Courtney Pine and Stan Getz.

Yet another royal variety performance

Prince: his latest album, the second with New Power Generation, may be his best since Sign O' The Times

ubterranean bass rumblings and soaring gospel harmonies; biblical verse and unrepeatable profanities; gentle, upmarket soul and full-frontal rap; ballads and bombast; funk, fusion and frills: it could only be the new album by Prince. He has such a restlessly versatile touch that even his most casual admirers have learnt to expect the unexpected. Maintaining his position as rock's most fecund superstar, the diminutive powerhouse returns with another 75 minutes of hyperactive bustle, barely a year after his Pearls.

Bearing as its title a mysteri-ously embellished, gender-de-noting hieroglyph, The "Sym-bol" Album (Paisley Park/-Warner Bros. 9362-45037-2) is conceived as a "fantasy rock soap opera" and apparently tells the tale of the troubled relationship between a pop superstar (who can it be?) and the beautiful, but possibly underaged princess of a fic-tional Middle Eastern kingdom. Although the narrative is difficult to divine from the lyrics alone, the drama and high-speed action are all there.
This is Prince's second album with the New Power

Generation. After a shaky start the band is now proving its mettle, with some particularly sharp contributions from the horn section, notably on "Sexy M.F.". With tracks ranging from the powerhouse funk of "My Name is Prince" to the smoothy string arrangements of "Damn U", it is probably Prince's best album since Sign O' The Times, and certainly the most livery

In marked contrast to the relentless activity of Prince's album, there is a calm at the heart of R.E.M.'s latest masterwork, Automatic For The People (Warner Bros 9362-45055-2). There are few accolades left to bestow on this faintly quirky, left-field band whose albums so unerringly capture the hearts of mainstream rock fans.

Perhaps it is the way in which they trawl so many

sources for inspiration — from Southern country twang to the Celtic folk of northern Europe

— and yet still sound like an authentic part of the rock-'n' roll tradition that is their peculiar claim to greatness.
Automatic For The People is a quiet, reflective collection as R.E.M. albums go, but there is brooding emotional power and a lingering sense of loss in tracks like "Sweetness Follows" and the single "Drive". Few other acts can boast such gravitas yet still touch such a personal chord.

Then he appeared at this year's Brecon Festival Courtney Pine was hilled as the "Sunday supplements' favourite" -a back-handed compliment if ever there was one. Six years after the first explosion of media publicity, the mention of his name still causes gnashing of teeth in some quarters. None of his previous alburns, it has to be said, has

enemy at times, especially when reeling out his wearisome impersonations of John Coltrane. Still, while no one would claim that To the Eyes of Creation (Island 9998-514044) amounts to a masterpiece, it contains some of his most thoughtful — and accessible — work so far. Like its predecessors, the album comes laden with all

lived up to the initial clamour.

He has been his own worst

manner of stylistic influences, some assimilated more thoroughly than others. Traditional jazz standards are noticeably giving Pine the oppoi tunity to piece together his own black British identity. Slowly but surely the fragments are taking shape.

That long-winded, hectoring tone is still present on some tracks, yet elsewhere Pine sounds remarkably selfeffacing, content to immerse himself in the collective sound. The mood veers from the strident, Coltrane-esque reading of "Psalm" to the gentle soul clubber's beat of "Life

Goes Around" (vocals courtesy of Juliet Roberts) and — most enjoyable of all - the infectious reggae pulse of "Eastern Standard Time". "Redemp-tion Song", the Bob Marley lament, proves a disappoint-ment, the cloying keyboard backing and Pine's soprano saxophone more reminiscent of the muzak-maker Kenny G. Re-issued performances by

the late Stan Getz are handly thin on the ground, but Stan Getz at the Shrine (Verve 513753), a live set from 1954, is of particular interest despite the uneven sound saxophonist with the inventive valve trombonist Bob Brookmeyer. Getz's later live recordings (Spring is Here. a concert recording from 1981, is another recent release) are rightly admired, but this disc will appeal to listeners who prefer more concise readings, not to mention the subtle shadings provided by Brookmeyer's

CLIVE DAVIS

Still fun despite a squeeze

No Flies on Mr Hunter Chelsea Centre

SPACE and speed are the essence of farce, the former small stage of the Chelsea Centre therefore provides some problems for James Suzman's direction of this lesser known Feydeau (it appeared as Monsteur Chasse in 1892).

The crucial central act, in a maison de rendezvous, with its swift exits, entrances, conceal ments and general paric, saw furniture overturned, bottles smashed and doors blocked. If the authentic frenzy of farce only fitfully flickered, however a gentler, more English sort of

comedy proved pleasing.

The plot is standard stuff. A wife, piqued to discover her husband's hunting trip is a cover for infidelity, vengefully gives in to an importanate seducer. Of course, the lover's lodgings turn out to be across the landing from where the errant husband is being unfaithful. A scapegrace student whose strands further include a comic police inspector, a bucolic cuckold and a mockgenteel landlady.

Peter Kenvyn's adaptation

sets these priapic prancings in Edwardian London. The jokes range from fairly coarse modernity to cheerfully excruciating puns; the lines that spring from character rather than verbal gags are quite furny.

This is best illustrated by Sally Mates, whose landlady is a cooling blend of fractured refinement and befuddled dignity, warbling snatches of Carmen, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and even (anachronistically) Bernstein's Candide. With only one character on stage, the mood is expansive, the comedy has room to relax. Elsewhere in this scene, Paul Edwards's handsome design of printed black and white backdoth and

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tered, with fatal results in The last act is stolidly earthbound; harager evaporates chang the lengthy dialogue as the clockwork intricacy of the plot plays itself out. This may explain the work's comparative rarity (Watford saw it as ia Scales, in 1969).

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Faintly resembling Swinburne, Simon Wright hits the right style, combining the physically flexible with the frantically manic, as the wife's aspiring paramour, a doctor with the taste for poetics. Alistair Petrie brings a dash of Wodehouse to his professional stage debut as the young nephew. The rest are willing.

MARTIN HOYLE



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AN EVENING featuring three batty-looking women soloists did not serve as a good advertisement for the enterprising project called Skite, in its inaugural year. An international jamboree of workshops partly funded (this year, at least) by the European Arts Festival and by French sources. Skite attracted 60 dancers and choreographers, musicians and artists from all over the world.

They gathered in Paris for four weeks and then almost half of them came on to The Place, to present work from their respective repertoires

Puzzling trio leave the audience wanting less rather than more

over four nights, with the final performance devoted to what emerged from the Skite

Vera Mantero from Portu-gal, "a dissident classical dancer" whose "casual virtuosity is close to impertinence". according to a programme note, opened the first evening. Brusquely energetic, with a wedge of frizzy chestmut hair shooting out from her head and tossing like an integral part of the choreography, she moved with demented staccato impulses, slicing and twisting to the beat of intermittent

DANCE

Skite The Place, Euston

jazz music from Thelonious

Maybe it was a bitter satire on a ballerina's lot — or there again, maybe not. But it might explain the title (Perhaps She Could Dance First and Think Afterwards) and the melting wax feet that hung curiously about the stage.

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Liljana Zagorac from Croatia and Meg Stuart from the USA both played with restricted movement that was exhaustively repeated so as to grind

you into the ground. Zagorac, who bases her work on improvisation, procircles. Dressed in black, she reiterated one wild arching motif after another, ad nause-am, in Without Control; blindfolded and dressed in green, she sat and extravagantly swayed her torso in her second solo, Hope.

ed to the spot, her tormented stance apparently a metaphor for the American metropolis. Her solo became freer and more expansive towards the end, but not before lengthy writhings in the shadows, as though afflicted by cramp. All three women seemed to

Object, but also seemed root-

be trying to grasp some intangible quality through dance, but failing to communicate their intentions. One uncharitable member of the audience muttered "they certainly need those Paris workshops."

Perhaps they were searching for a spirituality: a concern that dominated the community in 15th-century Russia from which Skite takes its

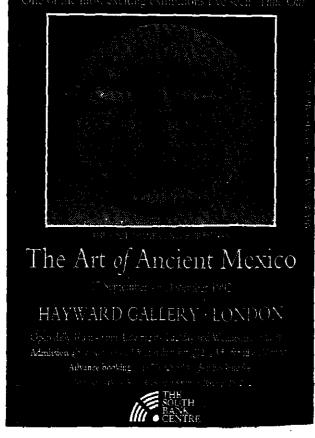
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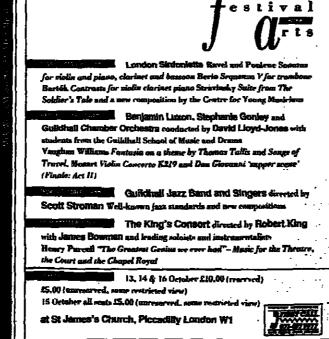
THE SUNDAY TIMES Winner by a nose

Aside from the hundreds of thousands, possibly even millions, of teenage girls for whom it must represent some kind of erotic ideal, few people have had a kind word for Michael Jackson's face. And the recent announcement, or rumour.

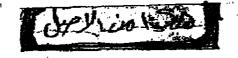
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Bound for hospital: Dora Bryan plays a shoplifter (8.00pm)

8.00 Casualty. Gritty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of an overstretched city hospital. An elderly shoplifter (Dora Bryan) passes out in a supermarket. (Ceefax) (s) (337381)

8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (226331)

9.10 Film: Renegades (1989). Kiefer Sutherland and Lou Diamond Phillips star as unwilling allies in a quest for justice and revenge. A lively but formula thriller, directed by Jack Sholder. (Ceefax) (s)

10.50 Film: Pulp (1972). Comedy thriller starring Michael Caine as a pulp-fiction writer hired by Mickey Rooney to ghost-write his memoirs on a Mediterranean island. Dennis Price and Lionel Stander lend eccentric support and writer-director Mike Hodges

has the right playful touch (7672316)

12.20am Golf. Steve Rider introduces highlights from the semi-finals of the Toyota World Match Play from Wentworth (5903850) 1.10 Weather (3700904)

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8.00 Open University 9.05 Film: Under Californian Stars (1948). Roy Rogers rescues horse Trigger from a gang of rustlers in an anodyne minor western Directed by William Witney (4914300) 10.25 Film: The Marx Brothers Go West (1940, b/w). Groucho, Chico

and Harpo are a notch below their top form but there are still hilarious moments. Directed by Edward Buzzell (3614565) 11.45 So You Want To Play Golf. In the first of a six-part series Peter Alliss gives tips on tee shots, rules and golfing gadgets (489774)

12.15 Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955) starring Rory Cathoun and Shelley Winters. In turn-of-the-century Mexico an American

adventurer and a guerrilla leader seize a fortune in gold from a train. Routine adventure, directed by George Sherman (722836) 1.50 Network East. Asian magazine programme. Includes an interview with Michael Ondeatie, whose novel The English Patient is a favourite to win the Booker Prize; and a profile of Vijay Singh, the

world's top Asian golfer (s) (93554381)

2.20 In Search of the Dead. The second of three programmes in which scientists look for evidence of life after death (2831671)

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3.00 Diamentina. An artist, a naturalist and a cartographer make an epic raft journey along Australia's River Diamentina, which is usually a dry bed and flows only once or twice a century (2494045)

3.50 Film: Elmer Gantry (1960) starring Burt Lancaster as a con-man who becomes a hell-fire preacher in order to woo a beautiful woman (Jean Simmons). A powerful, Oscar-laden film from writer-director Richard Brooks (82072478)

6.10 Late Again. Highlights from last week's The Late Show (s) (222519) ws and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (755328)

6.55 News and sport with Mola Stuart. Weather (75:328)
7.10 Lock, Stock and Barrel. Twenty years ago ldi Amin ejected 50,000 Asians from Uganda. Now the country wants them back to help to rebuild its shattered economy (s) (70:2010)
8.10 Music on Two: The Secret Island.
© CHOICE: A season of documentaries about 20th-century music is launched with a profile of the Russian composer and planist, Sergei Rechassisco. The secretary is the profile of the students. Rachmaninov. The approach is thematic rather than chronological and does not claim to be exhaustive. The second piano concerto, which thanks to Brief Encounter is probably his best-known work, is not mentioned. There is no explanation of his decision to go into exile after the 1917 revolution, though the effect of exile is a central preoccupation of the film. Written by the British composer Geral preoccupation of the lithi. Written by the british composer Gerald McBurney, Secret Island is an attempt to rescue Rachmaninov from the image of the tortured romantic. Some of the music may suggest this but there plenty of counter evidence, not least from home movies showing Rachmaninov in relaxed and skittish mood with his adored family (s) (266774)

9.10 Testament of Youth. The War and Peace season continues with the second part of Elaine Morgan's fine adaptation of the book by Vera Brittain. War breaks out and the spirited Vera (Cheryl Campbell) in not allowed to take her place at Oxford (r) (934039) 10.05 The Brain Drain. Sandy Toksvig, Alan Coren, Steve Frost and Tony Hawks join Jimmy Mulville to discuss the meaning of life (s) (934687)



Cast against type: Henry Fonda as a hired killer (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: Once Upon a Time in the West (1969)

CHOICE: After making the spagnetti westerns that launched the career of Clint Eastwood, Italian director Sergio Leone moved to the United States and showed that he was more than a match for the Americans on their own ground. Once Upon a Time in the West is both a homage to the traditional Hollywood western and a reworking of the genre in Leone's highly individual style. The plot, a battle for water rights between a community and a railroad company, is a familiar one but Leone embelishes it with his barroque visual style, brooding atmosphere and sudden eruptions of violence. Henry Fonda, cast against type as the villain, is pitted against Claudia Cardinale's spirited New Orleans widow in a story developed by Leone and Bernardo Bertolucci. The film is notable for a credit sequence that lasts 12 minutes. (Ceefax) (19607316). Ends

6.00 TV-am (6001478) 9.25 What's Up Doc? Yvette Fielding, Andy Crane and Pat Sharpe are joined by Paul Usher and Brian Regan (s) (79267738) 11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies featuring Disney's Beauty and the Beast

and a new version of Wuthering Heights (8519)

12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The Sex Pistols perform "Pretty Vacant" in the Video Vault slot (s) (14300)

1.00 News and weather (22194403) 1.05 LWT News (22193774) 1.10 Starting from Scratch. Comedy series about a small-town vet (68373497)

1.40 Film: Treasure of the Golden Condor (1953). Dim costume drama starring Cornel Wilde as a disinherited adventurer on the path of hidden treasure. Directed by Delmer Daves (38815687) 3.20 Stuntmasters (4010923)

3.50 WCW Wrestling from America (6871377) 4.40 News and weather (4247565) 5.00 LWT News (8677861) 5.05 Cartoon Time (r) (7648229) 5.20 You Bet! with Matthew Kelly (5769942)



Brute force: host Ulrika Jonsson and muscle men (6.20pm)

6.20 Gladiators

■ CHOICE: A game show format imported from the United States pits superfit members of the public against the Gladiators, a team of muscle men and women who rejoice in such names as Scorpio, or muscle men and women who rejoice in such hartes as scorpo, Lightning, Panther and Cobra. The idea is that the contestants endeavour to amass points by various feats of athleticism and stamina while Scorpio, Lightning and the rest try to stop them. Hosted by weather presenter Ulrika Jonsson and footballer John Fashanu, this is a shrill and aggressive entertainment that may make the fainter-hearted yearn for the more innocuous pleasures of the a Koochout in a leasurestach way the old RRC show was not of It's a Knockout. In a lower-tech way the old BBC show was not dissimilar, though it usually heaped no greater indignity on its participants than an unwanted bath. Gladiators is not only devoid of humour but also borders on the brutal. (Oracle) (s) (896949)

7.20 Bind Date. Cilla Black returns to play Cupid to more young hopefuls looking for the perfect date. (Oracle) (s) (894045)
8.20 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle returns to play more practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public (160749)
8.50 Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch. The housewife and

superstar snoops around somebody's home. (Orade) (s) (874045) 9.20 Film: The Dead Pool (1988). Climt Eastwood stars in a disappointing fifth addition to the Dirty Harry cycle. When three celebrities are murdered, Inspector Harry Callaghan investigates an underground betting pool. Directed by Buddy Van Horn. (Oracle) (61544942)

11.00 News and weather (274565) 11.20 Hale and Pace. Comics Gareth and Norman give an insight into the life of a tabloid journalist and offer advice on gardening (r) (s)

11.50 Almost Grown. American series about the tumultuous marriage of a New Jersey couple (757923)

12.50am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans (s) (9002614)

2.00 The Gig. Barbie Wilde presents a new rock music series. A bus visits

clubs on the British live music circuit to see local bands perform. Tonight's venues are the Glasgow's Tunnel Club and Edinburgh's Music Box (11546)

3.00 New Music. Pop magazine (49492)
4.00 Rhythm 'n' Raag. Asian music show featuring Headspace and Pakeezah Baig (27459) 4.30 The Hit Man and Her. The latest on the dub scene (s) (66148) 5.30 ITN Morning News (71275). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Hearthcliff. Animation (r) (6059923) 6.25 Eureeka's Castle. For the under-fives (r) (9657872) 6.55 Crosstalk. Teenagers in discussion (r) (7353381) 7.25 High 5. Snowboarding (8045652) 7.55 Trans World Sport (9606107) 9.00 News Summary (1925010) 9.15 Racing: The Morning Line (4602300) 10.00 Quizbowl. The final of the sporting quiz is between the News of the World and the Mail on Sunday (r) (s) (31652) 10.30 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne looks at the goals in Serie A last weekend and looks ahead to Italy's World Cup qualifier against Switzerland next week in Cagliari (19010) 11.30 American Football. Highlights of last week's action and a preview of tomorrow's games (9861)

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12.00 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (74294)
12.30 Songs and Memories. The Pakistan writer Tehmina Durrani talks to Zamine Sarfaraz about the struggle for the dignity of women in a male-dominated society (30297)

1.00 Film: Heaven Can Walt (1943). Witty comic fantasy staming Don

Ameche as a recently deceased playboy whose life is reviewed by the Devil, who cannot decide whether he should be sent to heaven or hell. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch (86950403)

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races (10161774)

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5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9440565)
6.30 Right to Reply. The Sur's television critic Garry Bushell takes Tony Parsons to task over his The Tattooed Jungle. (Teletext) (s) (107)
7.00 Court TV: America on Trial. Cynthia McFadden introduces more suppressing the New York. real-life dramas from American courtrooms including the New York y Hampton case. (Teletext) (5107)



Disputed legacy: should Columbus be celebrated? (8.00pm)

8.00-3.55am Goodbye Columbus.

• CHOICE: Channel 4 makes its contribution to the Columbus quincentenary with an evening of fiction, arts and documentary programmes on a Latin American theme. It is a celebration of a sort programmes on a Latin American theme. It is a celebration of a sort out a double-edged one. The opening film, a portrait of Columbus in Ohio, sets the tone. The biggest city to be named after the mariner, Columbus is marking 1492 with a huge flower show called Ameriflora '92. The enterprise may sound innocuous but it has split the community. Blacks remember Columbus as the New World's first slave trader. American Indians reflect bitterly on 500 years of persecution by the white man. Ameriflora '92 attracts few non-white visitors. At least Columbus gets a good word from Ohio senator and former astronaut John Glenn, who sees him as an inspiration for America's pioneering spirit. (Teletext) (1861)

8.30 Broken Silence. The struggle of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Rigoberta Menchu, a Maya Quiche from Guatamala, who has come to represent the views and aspirations of all the indigenous peoples of America. (Teletext) (4768)

9.00 From Quetzalcoatl to Pepsi Coatl. Have Thatcherite economic policies worked in Mexico? Followed by Pele at Aston Villa. (Teletext) (997861)

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9.20 Brazilian Snapshots. British-based journalist Roberto Mader

9.20 Brazilian Shapshors. Smish-based journaist robusto motion returns home in search of the typical Brazilian. (Teletext) (201213)
10.10 Islands of Flowers. Jorge Furtado's witty video about the history of the tomato. (Teletext) (572297)
10.25 Brazilian Television Preview. (Teletext) (359132)
10.30 Latin American Magazine. Compiled from monthly cinema newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency and newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency

peace in El Salvador. (Teletext) (234671) 10.50 A New Grave for Columbus. A church built in commemoration of Columbus's landing at Santa Domingo has divided the

community. (Teletext) (823855)

11.00 In The Name of Democracy. Latin America's days of dictatorship appear to be over, but instability remains (7213)

11.30 Film: La Tarea (1990). A film student decides to videotape her former husband making love to her. In Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Humberto Hermosillo (610519)

1.15am Soaps and Salsa. The best of the Latin soap operas, including one entitled Deus Nos Acoda (God Help Us) (39614633). Ends at

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite 5.00am Danger Bay (70126) 6.30 Dephant Boy (60132) 7.00 Fun Factory (5179792) 12.00 Barnaby Iones (43636) 1.00pm Film: Little House on the Praine. Staming Michael Landon (76749) 3.00 Cartoons (62497) 4.00 The Dukes of Hazzard (47132) 5.00 WW The Duties of Hazzard (4732) 5.00 WWY-Superstars of Wiessting (6958) 6.00 Knights and Warnors (32720) 7.00 Booker (84107) 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (93855) 9.00 Cops I (43316) 9.30 Cops B (44555) 10.00 Saturday Night Live (83478) 11.00 Hill Street Blues (78949) 12.00 Pages from Skytext **SKY NEWS**

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Financial Times Media Europe (12478) 11.00
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Holiday Destinations (56039) 2.30 Nightline (72381) 3.30 Those Were the Days (93671) 4.30 Financial Times Media Europe (82590) 6.30 The Reporters (80300) 7.30 Fashion TV (8007) 6.00 King Raiph (1991): John Goodman is Nightline (1997). 4.30 rnandar imes Meda Europe (82590) 6.30 The Reporters (83300) 7.30 Fashion TV (9107) 9.30 Travel Destinations (48497) 10.30 The Reporters (15923) 11.30 Fashion TV (95671) 12.303m Financial Times Media Europe (31188) 1.30 Travel Destinations (19275) **2.30** Tho 3.30 Fashion TV (98343) 4.30 Financial Times Media Europe (30256) 5.30-6.00 Those Were the Days (18017) SKY MOVIES+

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Showcase (43294) 8.00 The Gups and the Fury (1981): Adventure set in Persia (70565) 10.00 Otiver Twist (1987; Carbon adapta-News on the hour. 40.00 Oliver Twist (1987): Cartoon adapta-6.00am Sunnse (1018107) 9.30 Nightine (51855) 10.00 Dayline (86126) 10.30 12.00 Evil Under the Sun (1981): Peter

4.00 Samma (1965): Come-rook area-ture starming Adam West (4590) 6.00 King Ralph (1991): John Goodman is heir to the British throne (84760720) 7.40 Entertainment Toxilight (748861) 8.00 Look Who's Talking (1999): Bruce Wilk is the voice of baby Mikey (99039) 10.00 Quigley Down Under (1990): Tom Seleck stars in an Australian western (68485519) (6848519)
12.05em Velvet Dreams (1987): Erotic drama starning Kathy Shower (1633630)
1.30 Kid (1990): C. Thomas Howell avenges the death of his parents (17817)
3.00 The Masque of the Red Death (1989): Adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe's tale starming frank (Sallone (908850)
4.35 Head Office (1986): Judge Reinhold's fother content his his particular transportation (1986). father secures him a (1274459). Ends at 6.00

SKY MOVIES GOLD Presley musical (318107) 6.15 Cops and Robbers (1973): Comedy 6.15 Cops and recognit (197.9): Cornecy about a Well Street heist (53275126)
8.00 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957): Olivier falls for Morroe (92316774)
10.05 The Sauntiet (1977): Policaman Clint Eastwood escorts a witness to Ital (413768). Ends at 11.40

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Wis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am Tadpole and the Whale (1987); A girl's marine advenures (187519) 8.15 Anastasia (1956). Ingrid Bergman claims to be the tsar's daughter (181855) 10.15 The Three Faces of Eve (1957); Joanne Woodward is a schizophrenac (72519)

(274519)
12.15pm We Were Strangers (1949): John Huston's political thriller (536861)
2.15 Les Milliser (1935, blw): Adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel (450497)
4.15 Abbott and Costallo Meet the Keystone Cops (1954): Slaystick comedy with Bud and Lou (3955923)
6.30 Running Against Time (1990): A man travels back in time to prevent the Kennedy assassination (20045)

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8.30 Steel Magnollas (1939): Bitter-sweet comedy about six women (55229)
10.30 The Road Home (1939): Donald Sutherland helps emotionally disturbed Adam Horovitz (50584) 12.30am Xposure: Firm news (71701) 1.00 Stockade (1990): Charlie Sheen 1.00 Stockade (1990): Charlie Sheen tries to gain a discharge from the army (744508) 2.40 Wired (1989): The short life and fast

times of John Belushi (857492) 4.35 Imadmissible Evidence (1968): A solicitor is on the verge of a nervous breakdown (1265701). Ends at 6.00 **SKY SPORTS**

 Via the Astre and Marcopolo satellites 6.30am Fishing the West (11836) 7.00 Netbusters (30403) 7.30 The Boot Room (75126) 8.30 The Big League: Warrington v Bradford (865923) 11.00 Sky Soccer Westend (35958) 12.00 WWF Wrestling Challend (35958) 12.00 WWF Wresting Chal-enge (79316) 1.00pm Sports Saturday (1520749) 6.00 European League Round-Up (95300) 7.00 Dubal Snooker Classic (54035) 9.00 WWF Primetime Wresting (12887) 10.30 Horse of the Year Show (63671) 11.30 Ringside (97861) 1.30am Gilette Workf Sports Special (44188) 2.00-3.00 Muscle Night (73324)

9.00am Step Aerobics (46590) 9.30 Truck Racing (74861) 10.00 Motorsport (33590) 11.00 Tennis ATP Tour (57126) 12.00 Football: Stuttgart v Leeds United (60229) 1.30pcm Tennis (92774) 3.00 Tennis (481010) 6.00 Euroscore (523749) 6.05 Tennis (75301137) (481010) 6.00 Euroscore (523749) 6.05 Tennis (75300132) 8.00 Motor Cycling (103720) 11.00 Euroscore (41519) 12.00-1.00am Motorsport (69324)

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(53300) 12.00 Gillette World Sports (66900)
12.30pm NFL — The Week in Renew
(85923) 1.00 Baseball 1992 (80478) 2.00
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LIFESTYLE

 Via the Astra satellite 12.00 Rambo (68768) 12.30pm Spiral Zone (83519) 1.00 White Shadow (2041519) 1.55 House Rules (3508855) 2.50 Spain Spain Holiday (7698215) 3.05 The Adventures of Jim Bowie (3722923) 3.30 Basic Training (5039) 4.00 American Gameshows (78294) 5.30 Fashum File (8010) 6.00 Sell-a-Vision (4003774) 10.00 Jukebox Music Videos (9650671) 2.00-3.00em Last Dance (99362)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 Gary Davies 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Auste 2.00 The Record Producers: Don Was (1/6) 3.00 Johnnie Walker: Live from Dublin, as part of Euro Action 6.00 The Saturday Rock Show 8.30 Loose 7all 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel in Berlin (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FM only)

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Texas Rangers 11.00 Gol 12.00 Sport on 4 Pis 1 (as Radio 4 at 9am) 12.30pm Sportscall
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CENTRAL As London except: 11.30-12.00 The Mountain Bike Show (8519) 1.10 Rocksport (28706823) 1.25 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams (5330229) 2.20 Superman (98625297) 2.50 Brand New Life (6228497) 3.45-3.50 Carboon Time (2977132) 5.00 Central News (8677861) 5.05-5.29 The Central Match Goals Extra (7648229) 11.50 Central Match Goals Stda (7648229) 11.50 Film: Don't Drink the Water (510565) 1.40 CinemAttractions (7449985) 2.10 Jake and the Fatman (8141275) 3.05 America's Top Ten (96983091) 3.35 American College Football (4548343) 4.35-5.30 Central Job-finder '92 (9262701)

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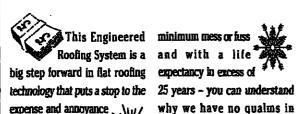
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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review, introduced by Paul Guinery. Mozart (Serenade in E flat, K 375); Milhaud (Symphony No 2); Liszt (Après une lecture du Dante, Années de Pélerinage); Brumel (Gloria, Mass Et ecce terrae motus); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor)
9.60 Ness

9.00 News 9.05 Building a Library, introduced by Anthony Burton. John Deathridge Burton. John Deathridge compares Wagner Ring cycles; Stephen Dodgson on the Hanover Band's work-in-progress on the Haydn symphonies; and Roger Nichols reviews a ter-CD survey of Spain's historic organs. 10.35 Record Release: Haydn (Symphony No 43 in E flat, Mercury); Wagner (Die Walküre, Act 1, sc. 3). 11.35 Michael Oliver laments the limited ressues by record companies for Spanish year. 12.25pm Faure (Plano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115: Vlado Perfemuter, Parrenin Quarter)

Parrenin Quartet) 1.00pm News 1.05 Mass for the Catholic Monarchs: Donald McLeod reads a contemporary description by Bartolome de las Casas of Christopher Columbus's reception at court in Barcelona by Ferdinand and Isabella, upon his return from his first voyage of discovery, Westminster Cathedral Choir under James O'Donnell sing Francisco de Penelosa (Missa Ave Maria) 2.25 Scriabita: Gordon Fergus-

Thompson plays Sonata No 4 in F sharp; Eight Studies, Op 42; Sonata No 9, Black Mass 3.00 Vierana: the Philharmonic Years 1842-1992. Richard

5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith 5.45 Third Opinion, presented by

5.45 Third Opiralon, presented by Christopher Cook from Dublin. Includes reviews of John McGahem's Collected Stories, and highlights of the Dublin Theatre Festival
6.30 Takacs Quartet performs Gyorgy Kurtag (Officium Breve, Op 28); Schubert (Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maden) (r)
7.30 Venetian Canzoni: Hesperion 7.30 Venetian Canzoni: Hesperion XX under Jordi Savali performs instrumental music by Guarni and Glovanni Gabrieli

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8.00 Variations on an Original
Theme: Festival of BBC
Orchestras. Live from
Symphony Hall, Birmingham.
BBC Singers; BBC Symphony
Chorus; Worcester Festival
Choral Society under Andrew
Davis perform Elgar (The
Kingdom, Parts 1-3). 9.05
Memories of Elgar. Louise
Chapman, aged 92, recalls the
composer and his wife. 9.25
Parts 4 and 5
.05 The Love of Don Parliment.

Parts 4 and 5

10.05 The Love of Don Perlimplin

CHCICE: Lorca's surreal
tragedy about an old man's
passion for his promiscuous
young wife is set in a territory
that Lorca characteristically
locates mid-way between
body and soul. It requires a
considerable feat of
Imagination to believe that the
play was banned for years in
Spain because of its alleged
eroticism. In Nick Ward's fine spain because of its alleged eroticism. In Nick Ward's fine English version, Daniel Massey plays the adorning husband and imogen Stubbs the faithless wife. It is worth noting that this is the first time Radio 3 has commissioned as

has commissioned an independently made drama independently made drama production

10.50 Bhaid Maseleku: Ben Watson introduces the South African planist, recorded in concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, earlier this year. With Marvin "Smitty" Smith, drums, Charnett Moffett, bass, Jean Toussant, saxoohone, and Fridia Darkan

saxophone, and Eddie Parker, flutes 12.36am News 12.35 Close

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.40 The Farming
Week 6.40 Prayer for the Day
7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.20 Listeners
Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58

Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan 9.30 Breakaway: Gill Elliot visits the races at Ascot 10.00 News; Loose Ends (s) 11.00 News; Conference Special: Michael White, political editor of The Guardian, reports on this week's Conservative party conference in Birchton.

11.30 From Our Own 12.00 Money Box
12.25pm The News Quiz (s) 12.55
Weather 1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs this week's debate in Easthourne. The panelists are Frank Dobson, MP, shadow employment secretary, Simon employment secretary, Simo Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the

spokesman on the environment and natural resources; Malcolm Riffdind, MP, defence secretary; and Hugo Young, journalist (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm 2.30 Saturday Playhouse: A Season of Clear Shining, by Nan Woodhouse. A Qualter (Kathryn Hunt) and a Catholic (Neil Roberts) try to reconcile their love and different beliefs in 17th-century England (s)
3.45 Derwentwater's Farewell:
The life and death of the Earl
of Derwentwater, who was
executed in 1716 (s) (r)

4.00 News; Your Don't Have to Work to Be Mad Here; The Art of Skiving (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now 5.00 The Living World: Lionel

Kelleway reports from the sand dunes at Kenfig National Nature Reserve in Glamorgan

5.25 Fourth Column 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News and Sports Round-Up 6.25 Week Ending (s) (r) 6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks

(39690053) 3.50 Close

to a group of chess players 7.29 Kaleidoscope: No Master's Voice. Members of a sonowiters' co-operative in Rotherham talk to Dave Sheasby (s) 7.50 Classic Serial: The Scariet orani yang baran b

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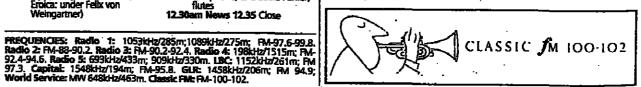
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● CHOICE: On two counts, Greg Snow's two-part adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthome's novel is Hawthome's novel is welcome. First, it gets rid of the popular misconception that the eponymous letter is just another humdrum episteristead of the shaming letter "A" (for adultress) which the central character — played tonight by Deborah Findlay — is made to wear to show that she is an unmarried mother. Second, Snow reminds us how powerfully Hawthome wrote about sin and conscience in purifamical 17th-century New puritanical 17th-century New England, Michael Maloney plays the pastor who painfully hides a wicked secret (s) 8.50 Work Tallic Ferdinand Dennis

talks with Val McCalla, founder of the Voice (s) (r) 9.20 Music in Mind (s) 9.50 Tan to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 Confession: Jennifer Holden talks to Catholics about their experiences of confession, and oriests reveal their own

10.45 Joining the Cubs: In the 1920s, Journalist Mary Stott secured a job on the Leicester Mail (r) 11.00 Mirrored in Music Vladimir Ashkenazy talks about Russia and its music (s) (r) 11.30 The Miles and Millner Show

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)





SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.40 Film: Secret Mission (1942, b/w). Wartime spy drama starring James Mason. Four agents are on the run in Nazi-occupied France. Directed by Harold Franch (1157275)
9.10 News and weather (2120459) 9.15 Start Your Own Religion is) (2951614). Northern Ireland: Duil Sa Duira
9.30 This is the Day. Graham Young viets Don and Claire McBride, ceramic tile designers of north Belfast (23481)
10.00 See Hear! Linda Day presents a report on broadcasting for the deaf in Sweden and Denmark (s) (52362)

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10.30 Golf. Live coverage of the closing stages of the first half of the best-of-36 holes final of the Toyota -World Match Play championship from Wentworth (43633)

12.00 Spain on a Plate. Maria José Sevilla's gastronomic journey takes her to Galicia (r). (Ceefax) (95904)
12.30 Country File (8971091). Wales: Down to Earth 12.55 Weather (53895072)

1.00 News (22070879) 1.05 On the Record with Jonathan Dimbleby

News (22070879) 1.05 On the Record with Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (5229169)
 De EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (53091)
 OE Ekdorado (f). (Ceefax) (s) (4850)
 Him: Coward of the County (1981). Effective made-for-television movie starring Kerny Rogers in a dramatic version of his hit song. Directed by Dick Lowry (60527) 5.00 Cartoon (5522492)
 Horse of the Year Show. David Vine introduces highlights of this year's show from Wembley Arena (s) (1190546)
 Cothes Show. Highlights from the latest round of international collections (s) (735614)
 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (185695)
 Songs of Praise from the United Reform Church in Purley, Surrey. (Ceefax) (s) (369546)
 Stepping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledne place Rev Clarke's

(Ceefax) (s) (369546)
7.15 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge plays Roy Clarke's suburban snob. (Ceefax) (s) (153166)
7.45 The House of Effort. Period drama series set in the 1920s about two sisters and their fashion house. (Ceefax) (s) (139527)
8.40 Birds of a Feather. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson star as the Chigwell prison widows. (Ceefax) (s) (210695)
9.10 News with Michael Buerk. Weather (226782)



Man in a hurry: Peter Bowles searches for his wife (9.25pm)

9.25 Screen One: Running Late

● CHOICE: A comedy by Simon Gray features Peter Bowles as George Grant, a star television interviewer in desperate search of the wife who has walked out on him. Gray's comedies tend towards shades of darkness, though for much of its time Running Late has more in common with traditional farce, as the harassed Grant is frustrated in his quest by losing keys, having his car stolen and being turned down by truculent cabbies. But underlying these surface gags is a sort of Basil Fawity paranoia, a link further suggested by Bowles almost rivalling John Cleese in the league of tall men. Grant's job gives Gray the chance to the explore the irony of a character who lives by exposing other people's private troubles but is hopeless dealing with his own. Beyond that Running Late does not run very deep, though the ending is teasingly ambiguous. (Ceefax) (s) (4577940)

(Ceefax) (s) (4577940) 10.40 Everyman: No Place Like Home. CHOICE: Two women from the Somali community of Liverpool pay a disenchanted visit to their homeland in the ravaged north, which bore the brunt of the country's destructive civil war. Amina has Home Office permission to bring back the mother she has not seen for 20 years. She is accompanied by Khadage, British-born with a Somali father and a mother from Newcastle, Richard Alwyn's sobering film follows the women as they travel through a

desolate landscape of broken, abandoned buildings, the legacy of years of internal conflict. Many of the people are without water or electricity, they loot because they are hungry and they accuse the West, especially Britain, of neglecting them. (Ceefax) (410072)

11.25 Channel Hopping. Alex Taylor presents the first of three programmes about job hunting across the Channel (423121)

11.55 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and astronomer Dr David Allen.

discuss newly-revealed views of the surface of Venus (s) (170053) 12.15am Weather (4790812)

Cue the Music (5443218) 4.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '92 (9274909) **VARIATIONS**

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7.30 Fallx the Cart. Feline fun (5194614) 7.45 Playdays at the Why Bird Stop (r) (4988072) 8.10 Smoggles (r) (7287188) 8.35 Animal Album. Parrots (r) (s) (1081879) 8.50 Orville and Cuddles (r) (6456985) 8.55 Bitsa. Junk recycled (r) (s) (1090527) 9.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant. A teenager's quest for Camelot (s) (1073879) 9.40 The Wetter the Better with Ross King and Ginny Buckley (9387661) 10.05 Thundercats. Animated adventures (r) (7679053) 10.30 Unde Jack and the Dark Side of the Moon (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8654275) 10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r) (s) (1368121) 11.45 The O-Zone featuring the Quireboys and Betty Boo (s) (4289492)

12.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry and Sylvia Anderson's classic puppet series. International Rescue comes to the aid of the crew of a futuristic transport vehicle (r). (Ceefax) (81,44985)

12.50 The Invaders. Vintage science fiction series starring Roy Thinnes.

Gene Hackman makes an appearance as an alien leader (r)

1.40 Golf. Live coverage of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth Club, Surrey. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critichley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesden

5.05 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of yesterday's match between Northampton and Bath (s) (5743904). Wales: Lianelli v Cardiff 6.05 The Blackpool Tram. An affectionate look at Britain's first electric

tramway (r) (Ceefax) (713492)
The Money Programme. Steve Annett looks at the strategies for survival of Britain's construction companies, hit harder than most by the recession (514053)

7.15 The Living Planet. David Attenborough examines the special talents required to live between the tides. He discovers the avocet, dunlin and oystercatchers in a muddy, English estuary, and the mudskippers and crocodiles of the mangrove forest (Ceefax) (r) (598121)

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8.10 Did You See. . ? Jeremy Paxman invites singer Hank Wangford, journalist Ken Lukowiak and writer and actress Meera Syal to review Civiles, Keeping Up Appearances and Jimmy's (619817)
8.40 The Look: Uniform and Function, Fashion pundits believe people are what they wear. Tonight's film analyses the ways in which people create an identity through their clothes (491430) 9.30 Building Sights, Europe. Czechoslovakia's former president, Vaclav Havel, reflects on the design of the Manes Building in Prague (19024)

9.40 A Word in your Era. Rory McGrath is joined by Winston Churchill (Ned Sherrin), Queen Elizabeth i (Helen Lederer) and Queen Boadicea (Tony Slattery) (s) (482411). Wales: Moffydd Owen



Brief encounter: Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep (10.10pm)

10.10 Film: Falling in Love (1984). Meryl Streep and Robert De Niro star as commuters whose lives cross on a shopping trip, with romantic complications. Heavyweight stars do their best to overcome a lightweight script and anonymous direction from Ulu Grosbard. (Ceefax) (671459). Wales: 10.30 A Word in Your Era 11.00 Film: Falling in Love

11.55 Golf. Highlights of the final of the Toyota World Match Play at Wentworth Club, Surrey (564527). Ends at 12.50am. Wales 12.45-1.35 Golf highlights

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RADIO 4

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6.00 TV-am (6061850) 9,25 Disney Club. Richard Orford, Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy are joined by Chaso and members of the China State Circus (4805508)

10.45 Link. How Romanian orphanages are dealing with children infected by the Aids virus. (Oracle) (4683966)

11.00 Morning Worship from St George's Reform Church, Morpeth,
Northumberland (81362)

12.00 The Human Factor. Rosemary Hartill investigates the plight of young Indian girls who are sold by their families as servents of the temple but see their lives rapidly degenerate into a form of slavery and prostitution. (Oracle) (80072)

12.30 An invitation to Remember Actor Robert Morley looks back on his life and career (8973459) 12.55 LWT News (53880140) 1.00 News and weather (76401891) 1.10 Walden, Brian Walden interviews the Danish foreign minister Uffe Ellemann-Jenser

2.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game show (1351)
2.30 The London Match. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the match between West Ham and Sunderland. Includes highlights of today's other First Division match between Derby and Oxford (s)

5.05 Baywatch. Drama series about the perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County. A former lifeguard is back in town and looking for trouble (r) (6226966) 6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy continue

their travels through East Anglia (904)
6.30 News and weather (492782) 6.35 LWT News (491053)
6.40 Highway. Harry Secombe visits Wharfedale in Yorkshire and talks to Lord Healey (354614)

to Lord Healey (354614)
7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents the last in the series of amateur out-takes (s) (858594)
7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Speaker of Mandarin. The conclusion of the three-part story. The investigation does not seem to be going anywhere, until Mike Burden's instinct sets Reg Wesford (George Baker) on the right trail. (Oracle) (854121)
8.45 London's Burning Blue Watch race against time to rescue a girl trapped in a disused sito and Bayleat volunteers to tak to a strigger who has clumbed a girantic craps (Oracle) (1436.71)

schizophrenic who has climbed a gigantic crane. (Oracle) (143527) 9.45 News and weather (864091)

10.05 Spitting Image. More satirical humour from the latex lookalikes (377140)



Champion of black women: novelist Alice Walker (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Alice Walker,

CHOICE: This profile of the American writer Alice Walker may look like a plug for her new novel but those persuaded to go out and buy Possessing the Secret of Joy will have been well warned not to expect a cosy read. For that matter the programme itself is far from comfortable viewing. In the novel Walker takes a minor character from her best-known book, The Color Purple, and puts her through an experience suffered by women in 26 African countries, genital mutilation. The theme fits easily into Walker's concerns as a champion of blacks and especially black women. Genital mutilation, she claims, is only an extreme version of of "what women go through all over the world in every society". Take that with a pinch of salt if you will but Walker argues it cogently. Ferninist Gloria Steinem lends enthusiastic support (259898) 11.35 Cue the Music. Richie Havens recorded in concert at Glastonbury

(203904)

12.40am Derrick, German detective series (9088034)

1.55 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (9110909)

3.00 Night Heat. Canadian police drama (62560)

4.00 Pick of the Week with Jenny Powell (15831)

4.30 Memories 1970-1991. 1975. The year that Thatcherism was born and the first oil flowed from the North Sea. Narrated by Robert Powell (s) (86638)

5.30 ITN Morning News (31657). Ends at 6.00

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (46091) 7.00 Take 5 for younger viewer (51121) 7.30 Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon antics of the control duo (4284343) 7.35 Little Wizards (4984256) 8.00 Sandokan (85527) 8.30 Wish Kid (84898) 9.00 Spacecats. Animated adventures of the feline space travellers (1078324) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (2101324) and Hardy (2101324)

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Dennis. Animated antics of a mischievous boy and his friends (r)

(6347091) 9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (848275)

10.15 If Wishes Were Horses (r) (s) (830256) 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Adventures of an extraordinary submarine and her captain (699121) 11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close

hit Kansas plains family (5176817)

12.40 Film: The Guinea Pig (1948, b/w). Richard Attenborough, then 25, stars as a working-class schoolboy who is sent as an educational experiment to a top public school. Well-crafted social drama, directed by Roy Boulting (79648343)

2.30 Film: Rotten to the Core (1965, b/w) starring Anton Rodgers and Eric Sykes. Three crooks, who are just out of prison, join a gang planein to top an army narrall. Bouting beits correctly directed by

planning to rob an army payroll. Routine heist comedy, directed by John Boulting (48264782)

4.10 Four-Mations: Sound. Allegro non Troppo. Bruno Bozzetto's film sets classical themes from myth and legend to music by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (7517072) 5.05 Four-Mations: Sound. Grizzly Golfer. Mr Magoo starts a round of golf with his nephew

but finishes it with a grizzly bear (8578546) 5.10 News and Weather (8560527)

5.15 Answering Back. In the last of the present series, Susannah Simons quizzes advertising guru Maurice Saatchi (1191275) 6.00 Miraculous Mellops. Children's fantasy series (546)

6.30 The Cosby Show. American family corredy show. (Teletext) (898)



Grey matter: Simon LeVay fights for gay rights (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: Born That Way?

 CHOICE: Simon LeVay is a California-based neuroscientist and a homosexual. Since the death of his lover from Aids he has devoted himself to trying to establish whether homosexuality has a biological base. His quest has more than a strictly scientific interest. fr homosexuals are born (as they claim) and not made (as their opponents claim), this should be an argument for a more tolerant attitude. Although a high-profile campaigner for gay rights, LeVay is enough of a scientist to admit that the evidence he has gathered so far is limited and tenuous. It stems mainly from a tiny difference in brain size between homosexual and heterosexual men. LeVay is also honest enough to present the opposing view, that homosexuality is a psychological condition which is capable of treatment if not cure. He opens a lively debate (1237)

8.00 Tights, Camera, Action! Choreographer Lea Anderson introduces

the last in the innovative dance and movement films (8817)
8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach present live
NFL action. The featured games are the Philadelphia Eagles at the
Kansas City Chiefs and the Atlanta Falcons at the Miami Dolphins

10.00 Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958, b/w) starring John Mills and Sylvia Syms. Second world war suspenser based on the true story of a British army officer who drives an ambulance through the Libyan desert in 1942. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (38949546)

12.25am Film: Niu Peng (1989). Chinese director Dai Sijie's personal film

about the cultural revolution and its aftermath. In Cantonese and Mandarin with English subtitles (357812). Ends at 2.00

Via the Aspra satellite
 9,00am Aerobics (61072) 9,30 Mountain
 Bike Downhil (99343) 10,00 Euroscore
 Magazine (41782) 11,00 Venice Marathon
 (6421701) 12,15am Trans Maria

Via the Astra serellite
 4.00pm Cleopetra (1963): The Egyptian queen meets Julius Caesar, Starming Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burnon (3131091)
 8.00 A Private Runction (1985): Alan Benneti's comedy (67695)
 9.45 Red Dawn (1984): Teenagers combat Sowet troops (416324), Ends at 11.40

O Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
C20am Apache (1954): Burt Lancaster stars
as the last Apache warnor (25743099)
7.55 Will There Really Be a Morning?
(1983): Blook of 1930s actress Frances
Farmer (85858595)
10.15 Istanbul (1957): Erroll Plynn searches
for stolen diamonds (839256)
11.45 I Could Go on Singing (1963). Judy
Gerland fights for her son (88136598)
1.35por The Emperor's New Clothes
(1987): Brothers Grimm fable (42732527)
3.25 The Sound of Musik (1965): Musical
about the Von Trapp family (73719121)

6.00am Powersports (26275) 7.00 Gillette World Sports Special (4639343) 7.50 Brazzl-ian Football (26525879) 10.00 Notre Dame College Football (82053) 12.00 World Snooker Classics (27614) 2.00pen Volvo

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RADIO 3

7.00 Sunday Morning Concert. BBC Concert Orchestra performs Chabrier (Fête periorito Chauries (Yete polonaise, Le rol malgré luit); Michael Hurd (Concerto da carnera); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D. Classical); No 1 IN U. CLASSICAT; Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini); Büsser (Petite Suite); Tchaikovsky (Ballet, The Nutcracker, Act 2)

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3.00 Up the Aunction (8463803) 3.55 Fick of
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Time (8973459) 2.00 Memories of 1974
(7687898) 2.45 The Central Match — Live
(22324695) 5.00 Baywatch (5559) 6.006.30 Bullseye (904) 11.35 Science Fiction
(859782) 12.05 The Equalities (4516742)
1.00 Film; A Month of Sundays (880003)
2.55 The ITV Chart Show (5167378) 3.50

(661) 11.35-12.40 The Young (836411)

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CENTRAL

9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday
Morning: Handel (Zadok the
Priest); Walton (Death of
Falstaff; Touch her soft lips,
Henry V); Tchaikovsky (Festival
Coronation March). 9.24 Artist
of the Week: William of the Week: William or the week: walarii Primrose, viola, plays Paganini, arr Primrose (La Campanella); Humperdinck (Spielmanella); rumpergarck (spesimens) letzter Gesang, Königskinder). 9.43 Composer of the Week preview: Howelts (Sing Luflaby, A Spotiess Rose); Charles Griffes (The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan): Lord Berners

uite, The Triumph of Neptune)
10.30-12.30am Cohumbus Day: A
series of live concerts from 13
cities to celebrate the 500th
anniversary of Christopher
Columbus's discovery of the New World begins with a preview of the day and the first of four readings by Nicky Henson from the journal of Columbus. 10.40 A discussion on the meaning, then and now, of Columbus's discovery 10.55 Segovia: From the monastery of El Parral. A Mass of Thanksgiving, with polyphonic settings by Alonso de Alba and Juan de Anchieta and plainchant from Spanish

manuscripts of the 15th and 16th centuries
12.30pm Rome: From the Oratorio del Gonfalone. Excepts from Pasquint's opera Il Colombo, overo l'India scoperta 1.00 Prague: From the Smetana Hall. Barber (Adagio for Strings); Dvoták (Symphony No 9 in E manor, From the New World)

2.00 News 2.05 London; From BBC Studio One, Maida Vale. Villa-Lobos (Sexteto Mistico); Amadeo Roldan (Ritmica No 1);

Revueitas (Ocho por Radio); Chávez (Toccata for percussion); Villa-Lobos (Chôros No 7)

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(Choros No 7)
2.55 The journal of Columbus
3.00 Buenos Aires: From the
Teatro Colón. Juan José Castro
(El liami de las sierras);
Ginastera (Pampeana No 3);
Piazzolla (Tangazzo, Variations
on a Buenos Aires theme); Luis
Gianneo (El tarco en flor)
4:00 Antwerps: From the Rubens
House. Villancicos and
madrigals by Pedro Ruimonte,
with instrumental music by
Lucas Ruiz de Ribayaz,
Francisco Correa de Arauso
and Bartolomé de Selma y nd Bartolomé de Selma y

5.00 Boston: From the lordan Hall 5.00 Boston: From the Jordan Hall.
Copland (Two Pieces for String
Quartel); John Heiss (Pieces for
solo flute); John Cage
(Concerto for Prepared Piano);
John Zom (Cobra)
6.00 Paris: From the Maison de
Radio. Milhaud (Kentuckiana
Camaval à la Nouvelle
Orféans; Scaramouche);
Gershwin (Three Prefudes;
Rhapsody in Blue)
7.00 The journal of Columbus

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7.05 Mexico City: From the
Universidad Autónoma de

7.05 Mexico City: From the Universidad Autónoma de México. Ponce (Trio romantico); Daniel Catan (Trio); Simon Tapia Colman (Trio prehispánico); Armande Lavalle (Trio No 2)
8.00 Detroit: From the Orchestra Hali, Ives (Symphorry No 1)
9.00 Lisbon: From the Church of São Roque. Carlos Seixas (Mass in G); João Rodrigues Esteves (Mass for Double Chorus)
10.00 Copenhagen: From the Danish Radio Concert Hall. Music in the Wake of Columbus, including new works by Hermeto Pascoal, and an arrangement of Thelonius Monk's Round Midnight

Midnight

11.00 New York: From Symphony
Space. Jazz classics from the
New World to the Old

12.00 The journal of Columbus

12.05 am Sounds from Another
World: Records of traditional

12.30 News 12.35 Close

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Minutes (3564607) 2.45 The Tyne Tes
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(42830633) 5.05 Animal Country (8742904)
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7.00 News 7.10 Sunday
Papers 7.15 The Living World
7.40 Sunday 7.55 Weather
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8.50 Harry Secombe speaks for
the Week's Good Casse on
behalf of the Royal British
Legion 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by
Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from
St Paul's Church, Bedford
10.15 The Archers. Omvibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Matthew
d'Ancona (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's Castaway is Lord
Sainsbury 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend,
with Nick Clarke 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
Members of the Torquay and
District Horticultural Society in
Devon put their questions to
Dr. Stefan Burgarkii Const.

District Horticultural Society in Devon put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Jack Andrews. Chairman Clay Jones (5)

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Manager of Malgudi, R.K.
Narayan's humorous novel, dramatised by William Ash. The arrival of the monstrous Vacu, (Bhasked in the small

Vasu (Bhasker) in the small indian town of Maigudi ruins the lives of Nataraj (Sam Dastor) and his friends (s) (r) 4.00 News; Analysis (r) 4.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks in Berlin Doherty

Rosen talks to Berlie Doherty, winner of the 1992 Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature 5.00 Kershaw On . . . Andy Kershaw wishs Crouch End in

6.15 The Village (r)

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.35 A Yankee Doddle Cricket (58443324) 12.50-1.00 Calendar News (67922966) 2.00 Highway to Heaven (4044121) 2.55 Warner Cartoon

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S4TC Starts 6.00am Trans World Sport (46091) 7.00 Take 5 (51121) 7.30 Laurel and Hardy (4284343) 7.35 Little Wizards (4984256) 8.00 Sandokan (85527) 8.30 Wish Kid (84898) 9.00 Space Cats (1078224) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (2101324) 9.30 Dennis (6347091) 9.45 Miraculous Metlops (848275) 10.15 Hard Face of the Ogre (830256) 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (699121) 11.45 Little House on the Prairie (5176817) 12.40 Siarad Plaen (8960985) 1.05 Magic Roundabout (22095188) 1.10 Buster Keyston (68358188) 1.35 Film: Left, Right and Centre (lan Carmortose), Alastar Sin, Eric Barker) (8379188) 1.10 Buster Keyston (68358188) 1.35 Film: Left, Right and Centre (lan Carmortose), Alastar Sin, Eric Barker) (8710188) 3.15 Film: Bitthe Spatt (83195817) 5.00 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Cennol (2633) 5.30 Pobol V Cwm (61601527) 7.05 Bwnwf Sul (250459) 8.00 Y Llyfrant (123482) 8.40 Hel Straeon (236633) 9.10 Newyoldfon (498072) 9.15 Saith Diwmod Ar Y Sul (241091) 9.30 Filmiau (834850) 9.50 American Football (8211689) 11.15 The Prisoner (151546) 12.15 The Real Thing (6504908) 1.10 Close

6.30 Servants of the Empire:
Egypt. The daily life of Britons
who served in the Middle East
from the 1880s to the 1950s

7.00 in Business: Who Needs

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Unions? (r)
7.30 Bookshelf (s) (r)
8.00 Opinion: Charles Medawar
discusses the pharmaceutical
business (r)
8.30 Radio Times/Radio 4
Enterprise '92 Awards:
Jacqueline and Martin
Gilleland, who converted their
14th-century Herefordshire
home into The Marsh Country
Hotel and Restaurant,
compete for the £10,000
award. Poletech Systems of
Newark are in the running for
the £5,000 award with their
new shock-proof sockets for

new shock-proof sockets for traffic signs (s) 9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59
Weather 10.00 News
10.15 Europe of a Hundred

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Tongues: Billy Kay explores
the reasons for the historic
erosion of lesser-used
languages in Europe (r)

11.00 Into the Fifth Continent
● CHOICE: The Scots poet
John Rice, who wanders
somewhat haphazardly
through the Romney Marsh
flatlands of Kent in Roy Apps's
charmingly old-fashioned
travelogue, constantly
surprises us. Not a mention of
Russell Thomdike's smuggling
parson Dr Syn, or the longwoolled sheep that take their
name from the marsh. And name from the marsh, And probably only a poet who enjoys loneliness, as Rice says he does, would be able to say

he does, would be able to say of Dungeness and its skyling specifing nuclear power station that he would rather be on this shingle-strand than anywhere else on earth (s)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: Fr Witted McGreal reflects on the tradition and spirituality of the Carmelite Order, which is celebrating its 750th anniversary in England (s) anniversary in England (s) 12.00-12.43am News, ind 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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5.30 Poetry Please marks the centenary of the death of Africa Lord Tennyson (s) 5.50 Shipping 5.58 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.55 The Villence of State of Sta FREQUENCIES: Badio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLI:: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

Ladd and her daughter (910305) 1.35am The Attic (1986): A woman investigates the mysterious disappearance of her father (2285096) 3.00 Pead-End Drive-In (1985): Futuristic Australian thriller (78560) 4.30 Mindfield (1990). The CIA uses shock treatment on a Canadian policeman (18251) Ends at 6.00

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1085879) 9.30 The Reporters (94527) 10.30 Those Were the Days (75904) 11.30 Travel Destinations (51183) 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly (46492) 1.30 Target (47121) 2.30 Roving Report (86701) 3.30 Financial Times Business Weekly (32131) 4.30 Those Were the Days (1922) 5.00 Live at Five (39169) 6.30 Roving Report (61492) 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly (1411) 9.30 Target (52817) 10.30 Roving Report (21701) 11.30 ABC News (903431 12.30am Those Were the Days (42580) 1.30 ABC News (90357) 2.30 Target (49378) 3.30 ABC News (90873) 4.30 Those Were the Days (20096) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (79831)

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8.00 Hit Honey, Fin Deadi (1991): Curris Amstrong is reincamated (91275) 10.00 Once Upon a Dead Man (1971): Police thriller with Rock Hudson (49237) 12.00 The Private Life of Sheriock Holmers Bally Wilder comedy (89466411) 2.05pm 1941 (1979): Steven Spielberg's cornedy set six days after Pearl Harbor. Starring Dan Aykroyd (973965) 4.00 The Neves-Ending Story It The Next Chapter (1990): Londrian Brands: returns to the magical world of Fantasa (5459) 6.00 Look Wilro's Talking Too (1990): Baby Mikey is blessed with a sister, voiced by Roseanna Arnold (91614) 8.00 The Frestman (1990): Marthew Brodenck runs errands for Marlon Brando (54859633) 9.40 Xposure (779966) 10.15 Pactific Heights (1990): Marthew Modine and Melante Griffith try to expel psychotic tenant Michael Keation (296782) 12.00 Lisa (1989): A serial killer stalks Cheryl

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.30 Fishing the West (25256) 7.00 Euro-pean League Round-Up (54492) 8.00 Red Line (55121) 9.00 Horse of the Year Show (58362) 10.00 Motor World (16508) 10.30 Gallette World Sports (72168) 11.00 Nethusiers (11904) 11.30 World Team Pool (93189) 12 20her The Chi-Show (74664) Netbusies (11904) 11.30 World Team Pool (93188) 12.30pm The Club Show (74661) 1.00 WWF All-American Wresting (24166) 2.00 Duba Snooker (920701) 5.00 Hose of the Year Show (77633) 7.00 German Football (68459) 9.00 The Big League:

SKY SPORTS

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 Gary Davies with The only until 6.00am) 7.00 Gary Davies with The veckend Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis. 12.30pm Pick of the Pops Top 20 charts of 1963, 1977 and 1983 2.30 Rocking 4.00 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Perè Tong's Essemal Selection 8.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 10.00 Gary Davies (FM only after 12.00) 1.00-4.00am Lyrn Parisons (FM only) FM Stereo. 4.00am Barbara Sturgeon: The Sunday Show 7.00 Dorn Madekan 9.05 John Sachs 12.00-7.00pm Desmond Campiglon with Radio 2 All-Time Greats; 2.00pm Bermy Green; 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy, 4.00 Sing Something Simple; 5.00 Chartie Chestre with your Sunday Sospbox 7.00 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 8.30 Sunday Half Hour from 5 Pauf's Church, Onslow Squam, South Kensigton 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Beat Tunies 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme. Hank Wangford with an A-Z of country music 12.05am Nick Barrachough's New Country 1.00-4.00am John Tetrett with Night Rade

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Rews and sport on the hour until 7.00pms. 6.00am World Service. Newshour 6.30 Week-end Edition 9.30 Whospers 10.00 Johnnie Waters 11.30 Fantasy Footbell League 12.30pm Sunday Brunch 1.40 Open Forum 2.00 Rigchen Cabinet 2.30 Room 101: John Waters Ir) 3.00 Sunday Sport Golf: Toyota World Matchplay, Rugby League: Stones êtrer Champoorship 6.00 Walking in Big Footbelps. Janet Ellis visits the English Ranera in Devon Ir) 6.30 Education Matters Ir) 7.15 How We Lived Then 7.30 When In Italy Ir) 8.00 Restart French 8.30 Deutsch Express 9.00 Dragnet 9.30 Club Class: los Brand Iri 18.10 Across the time, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, 5port 12.00 For 18.00 Revis 18.00 For 18.00 Revis 5.00 Programmes in Fernch 7.59 Weather 8.00 News 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.15 Letter from America 7.30 Programmes in Fernch 7.59 Weather 8.00 News 4.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On. 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Classics with Kay 10.00 News 11.01 Sport 18.00 News 3.01 About Face 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 Concert Hall 5.00 News 5.09 News 8.00 News 3.01 About Face 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 Concert Hall 5.00 News 5.09 News About 8ritain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Programmes in German 6.00 News 5.00 News 5.00 News 9.09 Folk in Britain 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Europe Tonight 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.15 Menthen 11.45 Sports Roundup Mildhight News 12.05am World Business Review 8.15 Classics with Kay 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.00 News 2.01 Salem World Business Review 5.15 Review 11.15 Menthen 11.45 Sports Roundup Mildhight News 12.05am World Business Review 8.15 Classics with Kay 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.00 News 2.01 Salem World Business Review 5.15 Review 7.15 Septing 6.00 News 8.15 Consport For Charles 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Anything Goes 5.00 News 5.15 Behing the Glass Case

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6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Romance
12.80 CD Requests 2.00pm Celebrity Choice:
Denis Healey 3.00 Robert Booth 7.00 Close
Frommers of a Musical Kind (r) 8.00 Classic Romance
18.00 Sunday Right Out 11.00 Contemporary Classics 12.00-6.00am André Leon

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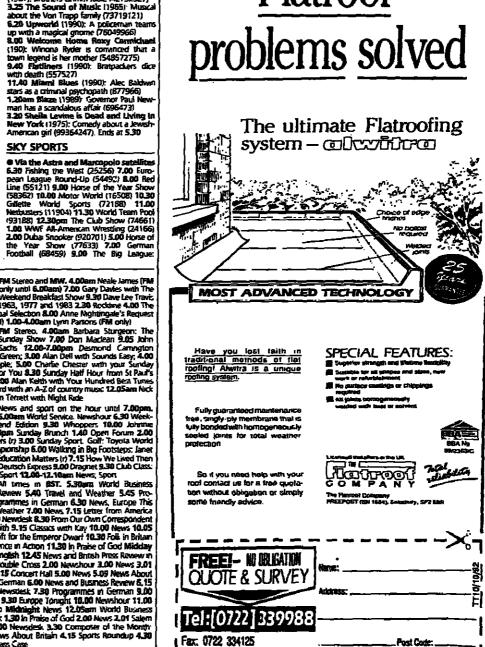
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Magazine (4/182) 11.00 veruce neareauxi (6421701) 12.15pm Trans World Sport (971362) 1.15 Boxing (9775467) 2.15 Tennis ATP Tour (2618508) 3.30 Cyding (84085188) 5.45 Supercoss (66000699) 7.30 Tennis (43508) 9.00 Euroscore Magazine (12121) 10.00 Tennis ATP Tour (17188) 12.00-1.00em Euroscore Magazine (69324) SCREENSPORT

• Via the Astra satellite (9701) 1.00 White Shadow (2938091) 1.55 Paris (377527) 2.50 Spain International Cusarie (1993427) 3.05 Cous on Britain (3799695) 3.30 Basic Training (8071) 4.00 American Gameshows (95965) 5.00 The New Newlywed Game (2817) 5.30 Fashon Rie (9072) 6.00 Self-a-Vision (4907546) 10.00 Jukebox Music Videos (9627343) 2.00-3.00ma Last Dance (89102) CNN INTERNATIONAL

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There's a tiger in my shag-pile

Lynne Truss is reminded of how carpets and jungles are connected during

programmes on two gardening masters



found myself asking the price of carpets at a discount warehouse near Gray's Inn Road in central London. For rea-

sons which will become apparent, this week the experience returned vividly to mind, because of something that was said to me by the salesman.

"How much is this one?" I remember asking "Ah, well, now," the dapper fellow said, dodging smartly to the door to flip a cigarette stub on to the pavement, "it all depends." Oh blimey, I thought. We've got a right one here. So I just said, "Oh," and looked blank until he decided, in the fullness of time, to tell me what

exactly it depended on.

He broke first. "You see," he said, with evident concentration, "if you buy it on the roll it's £15 a yard, but this piece here works out at £13 a yard, whereas if you bought it anywhere else it would be £20 a yard." "Gosh," I said in an admiring tone, "I had no idea it was so complicated." "I'm afraid it is a bit hard for outsiders to grasp," he said. "But the thing is, darling. carpets is a jungle."

It is the sort of image that stays with you. In fact, once it has been suggested to you that carpets is a jungle, it interferes with your dreams at night. Tarzan swings through vertical rolls of green Axminster, tigers turk in gigantic shag-pile. And you keep thinking you will hear on the news of a lost Amazonian tribe with huts made of carpet tile, who are discovered wor-

shipping an empty bottle of 1001. Anyway, the point is that having spent at least five years trying to visualise carpets as a jungle, I was naturally rather pleased this week to see two programmes about gar-Tuesday's Omnibus (BBCI) and last night's Royal Gardens (BBC2) — which brought jungles and carpers together in stark contrast, and thus showed them in their proper relationship

(i.e., not connected in any way).
The inspired subject of Omnibus was the amazing Roberto Burle Marx, a Brazilian visionary landscape designer whose trademark is the huge cluster of jungle-type plants arranged in grand sculptur-al three-dimension, while Sir Roy Strong took us to Holland to see a restored 17th-century parterre, which looked so very much like a big flat carpet that you expected to see blokes with hammers tacking it down along the edges.

TV REVIEW

Thus, jungle versus carpet turned out to be the theme of the week And virtually everything about these programmes demonstrated the same contrast - the one identified by E.M. Forster in Aspects of the Novel as the flat and the round. It was not only Sir Roy's favourite garden that was pancakeflat, you see: the aesthetic, the tation, the camerawork, and even the incidental music of Royal Gardens were all weedy and twodimensional, indeed probably invisible if viewed askance. The only fully rounded feature of the programme was Sir Roy's energetic black trousers (a remarkable pair, if I may say so), which buttoned not far from his chin and would certainly have walked unaccompa-

nied if given the chance.
The argument of Royal Gardens was that the grounds of Hampton Court Palace should be restored to the glory of their William and Mary heyday. This sounds well enough until you realise that, in those days, the thing that mattered was the grand, flat view from the house. Looking out of an upstairs window, a royal person could survey a series of finely patterned parterres, a bit like the carpets department of John Lewis, only

without the lino in between. The trouble with this arrangement is that at ground level the box trees and coloured gravel of the parterre are about as stimulating as a 6in hedge and a bed of level grit can be expected to be.

That Sir Roy did not mind about the ground-level disadvantage was made all too clear when he went on to deprecate the presence of benches and litter bins in the modern-day arrangement at Hampton Court. How ugly they are, how grim. But on the other hand, did William and Mary never fancy a little sit-down? "Feel like taking the weight off, my dear?" "Yes, but where? For shame, nobody has yet invented the drab park bench." Also, what did the royal couple do with their empty crisp packets and unfinished individual fruit pies? Poke them in the

tiny hedges and run off giggling? One thing is for sure, Burle Marx would not approve of a garden that suggests rubber backing and felt underlay, or that works better without people in it. For here, in Omnibus, was Three Dimensional Man in all his aspects - artist. humanitarian, bon vivant, singer and unregenerate fat person. Andrew Snell's film was rich in



Planting seeds of thought, but raising questions: Sir Roy Strong (BBC2 Royal Gardens) and Roberto Burle Marx (BBC1 Camibies)

colour (Royal Gardens was bleached and windy), and the orchestral music surged over superb helicopter shots of glorious landscape, and left you a bit weak from the excitement. In the new series of The House of Eliott (BBC1), there is a scene that crops up each week, in which one of the sisters says of some art work, "Oh yes, yes. The colour! The texture!" Banal as it is, I found myself saying precisely this ("The colour! The texture!") all the way through the Burle Marx Omnibus. It needs to be said that one of the

greatest pleasures of watching too much television is to see a programme on Tuesday that equips you (by chance) with all the arguments for knocking down a programme on Friday pictet For gramme on Friday night. For example, Mr Burle Marx not only applauded the three-dimensional approach to landscape design ("You walk through a garden as through a sculpture," he said), but he also recognised time as a signif-

ing for the fact that plants have a tendency to grow.

Good point, says the Tuesday viewer, and forgets all about it. But then, on Friday, Sir Roy praises this amazingly short, clipped, strangled, tufted garden at Het Loo in Holland (he wants Hampton Court restored the same way) by declaring happily: "It is as though the clock had stopped on the day William died." And instead of thinking Fair enough", you find yourself thinking unaccustomed thoughts, such as, "Things in gardens must grow big! Time should not stand still" and wondering where on earth such dogma came from.

eing an arts programme, Omnibus concentrated on the art, which did mean leaving out a few things one wanted to know. I mean, presumably a Burle Marx garden does not come cheap, but I am only guessing. Having asked a jobbing gardener this summer to price paving two square yards and erecting a small arbour (and been pole-axed by the size of the esti-mate), I would have been interested to see whether, when Burle Marx is commissioned to pave and plant 4km of Copacabana Beachfront, he charges more than my chap for the

The other thing one wanted to know was how he starts and executes his designs (we saw them only when complete). Does he arrive on site with a Stanley distance. able rule, measuring the distance from the front door? Does he make notes on the back of an envelope? I would have liked to know.

Money was more prominent in the Royal Gardens programme, as it could hardly fail to be. Sir Roy made no bones about it: royal gardens were expressions of wealth and status; at Het Loo (great name) the tulips were planted wide apart for better viewing because they were the herbaceous equivalent of El million notes. Gardens expressed noble things, like mastery over nature, of course, but also Who's the king of the castle?" and "Look what I got, nah, nah, nah, nah."

Sir Roy did refer to that insane

period in Dutch history when tulip bulbs were so precious and desirable they could command a price of 1,000 gilders (when a set of glasses was 1 gilder, and a landscape paint-ing 2 gilders), but he didn't say who bought them at those prices. Are there cautionary tales in

Dutch folklore about silly rich people buying takip bulhs and then not planting them for fear of someone digging them up? There ought to be. Did sleazy blokes accost the good burghers at street corners, selling daffs and natcissus under false presences? What horticultural chaos. "You won't believe it, dear," Mary would say to William in the evening, "but it seems we paid 800 gilders for a grape hyacinth." "Damn," says William. "The thing is, darling,

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Am I alone in detecting a rather aggressive sneer packed into this

new series? I mean, even if you did, desperately, want to play golf with Peter Alliss, I think you might be put off by the "Don't make me sught statude in the title. "So you want to play golf with Peter Alliss? Blimey, that's a good one. What are things coming to? Watch out for Mostermind re-tiled "Think You're Such a Clever-Dick I've Heard it All Now".

• Island of Flowers (Tonight, Channel 4, 10.10pm) Columbus celebrations being taboo among the politically correct. Channel 4 has organised a large alternative Latin-American season, starting tonight, including many arcane items of a p.c. nature. Among the officings is this 15-minute film from Brazil which we are told is "a winy history of the locato". No doubt Channel 4 considers this light relief, but I am outraged. Why not a serious history of the tomato? These broadcasting people are all the same, no sensitivity. The tomato has suffered indignity and exploration enough.

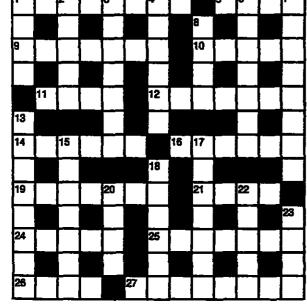
(Monday, TTV, 8.30pm) This programme looks at passive

smoking, and recruits home video (yes, more home video) as part of the evidence. Kiddles wearing You singke, I choke T-shirts have been filming their parents doing it in bed (anoking) with the purpose dispusting and selfish and storid they are. But will the parents sob penitently and snap their fags in half? Some hope, quite honestly. They are more likely to sell the video to buy more cigs. Last year, in the Jack Dee Show (Channel 4), we got the classic answer to this kind of pleading. What's this on your T-shirt? You smoke, I choke? Sounds fair enough."

The Booker Prize

The Booker Prize
(Thesday, BBC2, 9pm)
Booker night is a hig event in any self-respecting household. The tension of the shortist period rises to a great shuddering chimax, only slightly dented by the problem that The Late Show can't find pundits who will recommend any of the books. In my home, the thrill is minuted with a rather pleasant selfpity, because I used to be invited to the ceremony; pointing out Melvyn Bragg to the cats ("There! Look!") Look!") is not quite the same. Sometimes I wonder whether I was dropped for refusing (in Oscar and Lucinda year) to eat the main course of verason and hare. But I couldn't help it: I was assailed by the awful thought that it would be like eating Bambi and Thumper at

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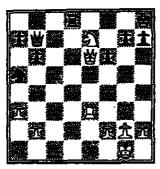
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible variation from Speelman -Levitt. Lloyds Bank 1992. Speelman, a note tactician. would have foreseen white's win here many moves in advance. What is it? Send your answer on a post-

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Nice boys with epic talent

EMF have left

behind their teeny-bop image for

something more meaningful, writes

Caitlin Moran



EMF have whole books written about it. The Encyclopaedia of Being Huge-ly Successful would be one, with multiple references to being good-look-

ing, young, and swaggering to number one in the US with your first single. Even the band name would have a chapter or two to itself - some would have it that they are the Epsom Mad Funkers. Others believe the "E" in EMF stands for, uh ... And that the "F" stands for ... well. However, the "M" on more than one occasion has stood for "Mother". What do EMF think of their mothers? A disposable generation, huh?

Ian Dench: "My mother is a wonderful person. She was a singer and my father was a classical guitarist. I would lie awake in bed at night and hear these songs floating up the stairs; hum along to them in my head. And opera — I love opera, it's so dramatic. That's why we called the first album Schubert Dip, because

I really do adore Schubert." Uh-huh. You meet EMF expecting they're going to be wild-eyed, straddle-legged pop-kids, surfing off the outrageous good fortune and hype around them. From the Forest of Dean to the Toast of the US in six months must do various things to your ego, bank balance, and the whites of

your eyes.
Instead, Dench is thoughtful, and chews over his words, dismissing and discussing EMFs past reputation. He occasionally pushes his hair out of his eyes, talking about Life and Fame and all that stuff. So where's all the loud and screechy excess? What about those hell-raising stories of the drugs and the millions of screaming girlies,



No excess: EMF is more interested in inspired moments than screaming girlies and drugs

and the drugs and, uh, the millions of screaming girlies? Dench doesn't exactly avoid the question, but there are other things he wants to

When we first came out, we were marketed as a teeny-bop band; and basically we were too green and naive to say no to kids' television, or teeny mags like Smash Hits." Dench says, pushing that hair out of his eyes again. "Y'know, we thought it'd be pretty cool to have a small piece in Smash Hits, 'cause they used to feature all the punk bands we loved. But they kept on using that photo session we did over and over again... they got kind of obsessed with us. Things got out of control. It was embarrassing. We've kind

of moved on now." Yeah. The new album, Stigma (EMI Parlophone, released on September 28), is a lot more dramatic, a lot harder, a lot harsher than their unscuffed pop of before. It's very ... "Epic," Dench says. "It is quite epic." From the breathless four-minute sprint of "It's You" to the bruised "She Bleeds". Stigma is perfect "Stadium House" music operatic. occasionally bombastic pop/dance.

So what does going to number one in the US do to your head? Take James Atkin, EMF's cute lead singer. Girlies of all ages would love to take him home and feed him cake and cocoa and tell him all their secrets. He never gives interviews, never speaks to the press, never speaks to the

ames is kind of scared of the fans. I think," Mark Decloedt says. "After we've done a gig we'll talk to people, but James doesn't know what to say. It's weird, cause he used to be a real extrovert in school." But now he's more vulnerable. Atkin shares the lyric-writing in EMF with Dench, "and in a lot of James's lyrics he seems to be scared of something. He's very. uh. deep. Very artistic. I can work when I have to work, but James - he writes on inspiration. Inspired

EMF have just "done" the Reading Festival — a threeday event in a field of mud.

playing to 50,000 cold, wet, bored and, if they can afford it, drunk teenagers. When the band came on stage and launched into heart-warming stuff such as "I Believe", "Lies" and "Unbelievable", the field was a mass of wildly dancing bodies, shouting all the lyrics and punching the air. Two years ago, EMF might have been shouted off stage for

being too lightweight. EMF have been carefully stockpiling credibility over the past year — a cover of arch rock-bend Iggy Pop's "Search and Destroy", contributing to an anti-vivisection album, kicking their music around a bit so it rasps and grates beautifully. This new album's for us, it's what we want to do." Dench says, pushing his hair out of his eyes one last time, and wandering off in search of what should - traditionally be a groupie or two, but in all probability will be a nice curry; possibly vegetarian. EMF, then. Very nice boys.

Tour dates for October: 10, Newcastle Poly: 12, Leeds Univer-sity: 13, Nottingham Rock City: 14, Baster University: 15, Ports-month Comid Hard



GUILTY SECRETS: Angus Desyton "I tend to be keen on strip-format programmes, like Top of the Pops, m 92. or U1. You can absorb th in capsule form without watching whole programmes. I have a short attention span, so the idea of three minutes of a play or film appeals."

• A new series of the BBC2 news quiz Have
I Got News For You, chaired by Angus Deayton, begins next Friday.



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